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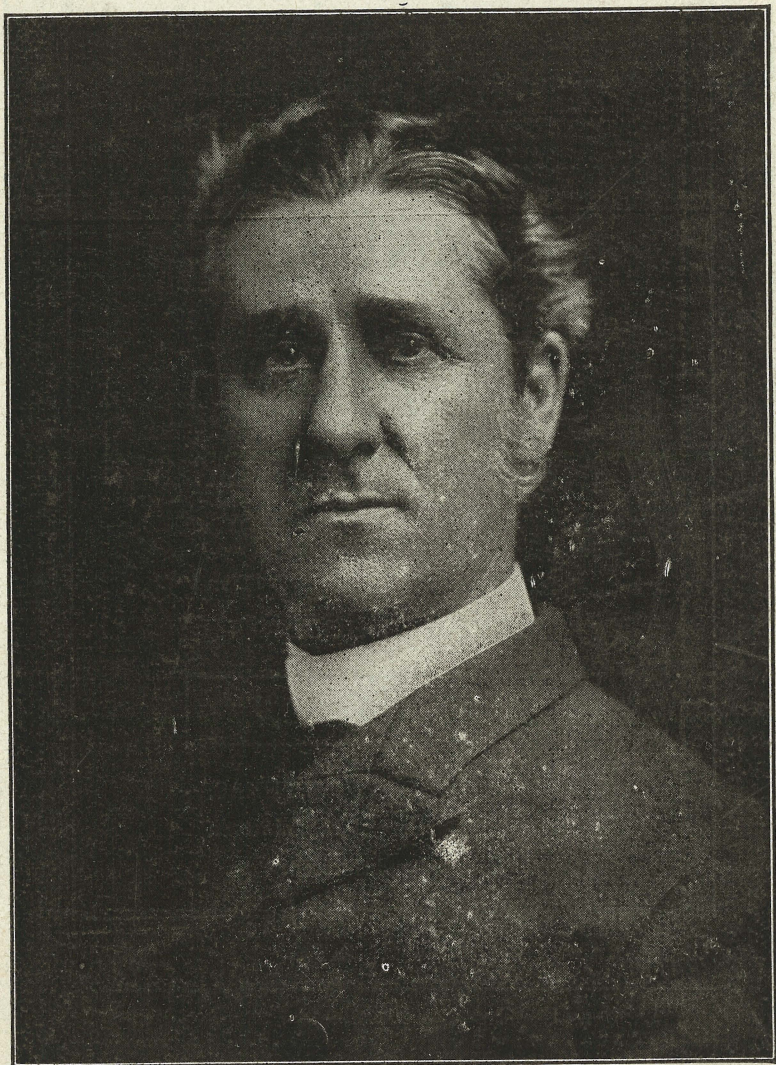
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Chronological Roll

NOTE—Figures on left indicate the year of admission into the Traveling Connection. The figures on the right denote the number of years of service on the charge. The names in italics are undergraduates.

Yr	NAME	Nativity	ADDRESS	Yr
1902	Basket, J. R.	Tennessee	Texas City, Tex.	3
1910	<i>Beadle, J. H.</i>	Louisiana	Kinder, La.	1
1911	Bell, B. T.	Texas	South Houston, Tex.	1
1904	Carruth, J. A.	Mississippi	Lake Charles, La.	6
1903	Elliott, C. L.	Ceylon	Atlanta, Tex.	2
1911	Ellis, R. R.		Gloster, Miss.	3
1910	<i>Ensign, F. J.</i>		Lyford, Tex.	2
1910	<i>Faulk, H. K.</i>	Louisiana	Port Arthur, Tex.	3
1907	Germany, W. H.	Mississippi		1
1891	Gower, L. E.	Illinois	Lutcher, La.	1
1911	<i>Harper, G. L.</i>	Louisiana	Deadwood, Tex.	1
1911	<i>Hardin, E. N.</i>	Kentucky	Anacoco, La.	3
1903	Hervey, J. W.	Texas	Hughes Springs, Tex.	5
1900	Hines, G. B.	Texas	Lake Charles, La.	2
1859	King, Cyrus A.	Maine	Lake Charles, La.	Superan'ate
1898	Lively, J. W.	Arkansas	Marshall, Tex.	Superan'ate
1900	McCain, H. H.	Louisiana	Houston, Tex. 1009 Harvard St.	2
1908	McClure, R. O.	Kentucky	New Orleans, La. 1537 Calliope St.	2
1902	Mann, W. C.	Texas	Marshall, Tex.	1
1911	Newton, W. R.		Bayou Chene, La.	3
1891	Oliver, N. H.	Pennsylvania	Glenmora, La.	Supernum'y
	Parker, Peter		Jennings, La.	2
1912	Perkins, C. A.		De Ridder, La.	2
1911	<i>Pointer, J. D.</i>		Inhambane East Africa, Box 45	2
1903	Price, A. J.	Michigan	Port Arthur, Tex.	1
1907	Pynes, R. T.	Alabama	Beckville, Tex.	1
1898	Sayers, N. L.	Pennsylvania	Elton, La.	2
1892	Shrode, T. J.	Indiana	Alvin, Tex.	2
1908	Simpson, F. M.	Mississippi	Iowa, La.	1
1908	Smith, R. R.	Texas	Woodville, Tex.	Supernum'y
1895	Smith, E. D.	Indiana	Port Arthur, Tex.	1
	Stokes, W. T.		Harleton, Tex.	Supernum'y
1905	Swanson, T. F.	Texas	Summit, Miss.	2
1911	Swanson, R. G.	Texas	Marthaville, La.	2
1900	Van Valkinburg, F. D.	New York	Biloxi, Miss.	Superan'ate
1904	Webb, T. E.	Tennessee	Welsh, La.	3
1905	Weldon, R. L.	Louisiana	Crowley, La.	1
	White, H. S.	Indiana	Houston, Tex. 503 East 11th St.	1
1871	Wilson, Thomas	Ireland	Sabine Pass, Tex.	Superan'ate
1898	Woodson, Julian	Tennessee	Marshall, Tex.	Superan'ate
1877	Wright, O. P.		San Antonio, Tex.	2
1911	<i>Zito, Francisco</i>	Italy	New Orleans, La. 611 Esplanade Ave.	3

Probationers

FOURTH YEAR

Yr	Name	Nativity	Address	Yr
1907	Cassells, D. H.	Mississippi	Gloster, Miss.	3

SECOND YEAR

1911	Harper, A. L.	Louisiana	Ebenezer, La.	2
1910	Kenna, J. B.	Mississippi		1
1913	Rockhold, G. W.		Dry Prong, La.	1
1912	Wynne, A. M.		Lottie, La.	2

FIRST YEAR

1911	Beasley, C. C.	Mississippi	Basile, La.	1
1912	Gates, W. I.		Alvin, Tex.	1

SUPPORT OF VETERANS

WHEREAS, The support of our Superannuates is altogether inadequate; and,

WHEREAS, We could raise more if we put forth the effort, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that our Conference raise the sum of \$525 the coming year for the support of our Conference Claimnants; and that the District Superintendents be requested to apportion the above sum to the several Charges; and then observe the disciplinary requirements as to its collection.

H. H. McCain, J. W. Hervey, L. E. Gower, G. B. Hines, J. A. Caruth, J. R. Basket, W. C. Mann and Peter Parker.—Board of Stewards.

Conference Chronology

GULF MISSION.

Yr	Time	Place	Bishop	Secretary
1893	Jan. 19	Jennings, La.	E. G. Andrews	C. K. Woodson
1894	Jan. 25	Lake Charles, La. ...	J. M. Walden	C. K. Woodson
1895	Jan. 24	Crowley, La.	Thomas Bowman	C. K. Woodson
1896	Jan. 23	Jennings, La.	J. N. Fitzgerald	C. K. Woodson

GULF MISSION CONFERENCE.

1897	Jan. 21	Jennings, La.	J. M. Walden	C. K. Woodson
1898	Feb. 3	Crowley, La.	W. X. Ninde	C. K. Woodson
1899	Feb. 2	Lake Charles, La. ...	S. M. Merrill	C. K. Woodson
1900	Feb. 1	Marshall, Tex.	I. W. Joyce	L. W. Elkins
1901	Jan. 17	Jennings, La.	H. W. Warren	C. W. Campbell
1902	Jan. 30	Lake Charles, La. ...	C. D. Floss	C. W. Campbell
1903	Feb. 3	Port Arthur, Tex. ...	W. F. Mallalieu	C. C. Morris

GULF ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

1904	Feb. 4	Hughes Springs, Tex	W. F. Mallalieu	John Paul
1905	Feb. 2	Gloster, Miss.	H. Spellmeyer	F. F. Fitch
1905	Dec. 1	Welsh, La.	L. B. Wilson	W. E. Harrison
1906	Nov. 15	Marshall, Tex.	L. B. Wilson	J. R. Basket
1907	Dec. 19	Jennings, La.	William Burt	J. R. Basket
1908	Dec. 17	Lake Charles, La. ...	Wm. A. Quayle	J. R. Basket
1909	Dec. 16	Port Arthur, Tex. ...	T. B. Neely	J. R. Basket
1910	Dec. 15	Welsh, La.	T. B. Neely	H. H. McCain
1911	Dec. 13	Marshall, Tex.	T. B. Neely	H. H. McCain
1912	Dec. 19	Port Arthur, Tex. ...	W. P. Thirkield	H. H. McCain
1913	Dec. 4	Woodville, Tex.	W. P. Thirkield	H. H. McCain

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R. G. Swanson, A. L. Harper and W. I. Gates.

Standing Committees---Continued

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Auditing.

H. K. Faulk, E. N. Harden and R. R. Smith.

Public Worship.

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Resolutions.

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F. M. Simpson, T. E. Webb and T. J. Shrode.

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District Superintendent, C. A. Perkins, T. F. Swanson, M. H. Anderson and Geo. M. King, Jr.

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J. A. Patten,	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Rev. G. B. Hines,	Lake Charles, La.
Bishop Wilbur P. Thirkield,	New Orleans, La.
Rev. W. C. Mann,	Marshall, Texas.
S. Arthur Knapp,	Lake Charles, La.
W. P. Mann, Jr.,	Colmesniel, Texas.

TERM EXPIRES 1915

*Charles G. Gates,	Port Arthur, Texas.
R. C. Holmes,	Houston, Texas.
Rev. H. H. McCain,	Houston, Texas.
F. M. Green,	Atlanta, Texas.
E. C. Willard,	Welsh, La.
H. E. Buck,	Lake Charles, La.
W. N. McReynolds,	Port Arthur, Texas.

TERM EXPIRES 1916

W. E. Cline,	Lake Charles, La.
W. D. McDaniel,	Port Arthur, Texas.
Rev. R. O. McClure,	New Orleans, La.
John F. Cassels,	Gloster, Miss.
Rev. J. A. Carruth,	Lake Charles, La.
G. H. Eubank,	Port Arthur, Texas.

*Deceased.

The Journal

FIRST DAY—Thursday, December 4, 1913

The eleventh session of the Gulf Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, convened in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Woodville, Texas, December 4, 1913, at 8:30 a. m., Bishop Wilbur P. Thirkield presiding.

Opening Devotions.—The Bishop announced the hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers Living Still", and R. L. Weldon led the Conference in singing, all joining heartily as unto the Lord, and J. R. Basket made the opening prayer. Bishop Thirkield leading the service, read and enforced the Rules

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on the conduct of the preachers at Conference, particularly that applying to the cultivation of the presence of God. After this reading, the Bishop read lessons from 2nd, Cor. the 4th chapter, and Eph. 3rd, chapter and from the fourteenth to the twentieth verses. The District Superintendents were called to assist in the Communion Service. This was a most blessed service, in which all were conscious of the presence of God, particularly as the Bishop made the closing prayer.

Roll Call.—The Secretary of the last Conference, H. H. McCain, called the roll and the following answered to their names: J. R. Basket, J. A. Carruth, C. L. Elliott, F. J. Ensign, L. E. Gower, J. W. Hervey, G. L. Harper, H. K. Faulk, G. B. Hines, H. H. McCain, R. O. McClure, W. C. Mann, W. R. Newton, C. A. Perkins, R. T. Pynes, N. L. Sayers, T. J. Shrode, F. M. Simpson, R. R. Smith, W. T. Stokes, R. G. Swanson, F. D. Van Volkinburg, T. E. Webb, R. L. Weldon, Julian Woodson, O. P. Wright, Francisco Zito, B. T. Bell, R. R. Ellis, E. N. Hardin, A. L. Harper, W. I. Gates and A. M. Wynne. The Conference stood with bowed head while the names of Walter Zimmerman, Ira N. Pardee, P. C. Chaney, Jonn T. James, W. F. Bolton, H. G. Breed and E. A. Ferguson, our deceased brothers, were celled. Afterwards all joined in singing, "There's A Land That is Fairer Than Day."

Officers Elected.—On motion, H. H. McCain was elected Secretary; and on his nomination, R. O. McClure and R. L. Weldon were elected Assistants.

On motion, L. E. Gower was elected Statistician; and F. M. Simpson and R. R. Ellis were named as Assistants, and it was ordered.

On motion, T. E. Webb was nominated and elected Treasurer. B. T. Bell and F. J. Ensign were named as Assistants, and elected.

On motion, G. B. Hines was elected Conference Post Master and J. R. Basket as his Assistant.

On motion, H. S. White, A. L. Harper, Dr. O. P. Wright, R. O. McClure and F. D. Van Volkinburg were elected reporters.

Transfers.—The Bishop announced the transfer of J. M. Bennington to the Northwest Indiana Conference; and Ernest D. Smith from the Northwest Indiana Conference to the Gulf Conference.

Conference Bar.—On motion the Bar of the Conference was fixed from the third window forward.

Resolution.—T. J. Shrode presented a Resolution that reports be confined to collections, special meetings, children and property, and that the time be limited to two minutes, and it was so ordered.

Statistical Session.—The Bishop announced a Statistical Session of the Conference for 1:30 p. m.

Introductions.—Mr. H. O. Chapman, representing the Book Concern, was introduced to the Conference, and made remarks concerning the pros-

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perous business of the Book Concern; and also brought personal greeting from Dr. J. W. Jennings.

H. S. White, S. H. Yockey, C. B. Larrabee, G. W. Rockhold, P. W. Edge, W. T. Stokes and W. S. Franklin were all presented to the Conference by the Bishop.

Announcements.—The Bishop announced that the amount of the draft from the Book Concern was \$584. and the Chartered Fund \$30. On motion they were made payable to the Treasurer of the Conference Board of Stewards. A communication from the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund was read by the Secretary; and on motion the apportionment of \$317. to the Conference on this fund was ordered apportioned to the several charges.

Conference Board.—These were presented by J. W. Hervey. (see list) The lists of Standing Committees were read by J. W. Hervey and on motion they were approved. (see list)

Question One.—*Is This Conference Incorporated According to the Requirements of the Discipline?* It is.

Question Fourteen.—W. C. Mann, Superintendent of the North Louisiana District, was called, passed and reported his District. The following effective Elders of the North Louisiana District were called, passed and made reports: C. A. Perkins, N. L. Sayers, R. G. Swanson; and T. F. Swanson was called, passed, but not being present, no report was made.

J. A. Carruth Superintendent of the Southern District, was called, passed and read his report. The following effective Elders of the Southern District were called, passed and reported; W. R. Newton, Peter Parker, G. B. Hines, R. O. McClure, E. D. Smith and T. E. Webb. Louis May was called, passed and not being present, no report was made. W. H. Germany was called, passed and the Bishop announced that by action of the Conference he would be left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

Motion.—G. B. Hines moved that the time for the opening of the Conference be fixed at 8:30 a. m. and closing at 12 m. The Bishop announced that the first thirty minutes would be used for devotions.

Introductions.—Dr. Hancher, representative of the Board of Education, was presented by the Bishop. He made interesting remarks concerning the work of our school at Port Arthur, Texas; and was by order of the Conference, accorded a place on the platform.

Dr. A. J. Price, President of Port Arthur College, was introduced and spoke briefly of the work of the school.

E. D. Smith, who was transferred from the Northwest Indiana Conference, was presented by the Bishop at this time.

Announcements and Benediction.—R. R. Smith, the host of the Conference, gave the notices of the several services; and after the Doxology, the Benediction was pronounced by Dr. J. W. Hancher.

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FIRST DAY—Afternoon Session

Opening Devotions.—At 1:30 the Bishop led in the singing of hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee," and prayer was offered by L. E. Gower.

Statistics.—The Statistician and Treasurer took places, and as the Secretary called the charges, each pastor came forward with his reports.

Motion.—On motion of R. O. McClure, the District Superintendents, H. H. McCain and T. E. Webb, were added to the Committee on Education; and the Bishops, Dr. Price and Dr. Hancher, were requested to sit with the Committee.

Adjournment's.—No further business being presented, the Conference adjourned with the Benediction.

SECOND DAY—Friday, December 5, 1913

Opening Devotions. Bishop Thirkield announced Hymn, "Come Thou Almighty King," Peter Parker leading in the opening prayer. The Bishop read as the lesson, Titus 2nd chapter from the eleventh to fourteenth verses; giving an inspiring exposition on Grace, Godliness and Glory. Hymn, "Just As I Am Without One Plea," was announced and sung heartily by all present.

Journal. The Secretary read the Journal of yesterday, which was approved after minor corrections.

Introduction. Dr. Julius A. Mulfinger, of the Board of Conference Claimants, being present was presented to the Conference. His address was interesting and instructive concerning the work of the Board and its relation to the Conferences. At the close, he presented the Conference with a draft of \$300, for distribution by the Board of Stewards.

Rev. W. S. Hughes, pastor of the local Methodist Episcopal Church South, was presented by R. R. Smith, and was invited by action of the Conference to a seat within the Bar.

Nye Litherland, an active local preacher, who is supplying on the Texas District, was presented.

Methodist Review.—Louis May not being present, E. N. Hardin was appointed by the Bishop as Agent for the Methodist Review.

Motion.—O. P. Wright presented a motion, requesting that a wire message of greeting and sympathy be sent to Dr. J. W. Jennings, and that we also express our thanks for the splendid collection of books sent to us.

Question Fourteen Resumed.—Has the Character of Each Preacher Been Examined? J. W. Hervey, Superintendent of the Texas District, was called, character passed, and he read his report.

The following effective Elders on the Texas District were called, character passed and they reported their charges: T. J. Shrode, C. L. Elliott, H. H. McCain, R. T. Pynes, R. L. Weldon, F. M. Simpson, R. R. Smith, O. P. Wright, L. E. Gower and J. R. Basket.

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N. H. Oliver was called and character passed. He not being present, no report was made. On motion of J. R. Basket, his name was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Transfers.—The Bishop announced the transfer of J. W. LaGrone to the Northwest Iowa Conference, Sidney W. Edwards to the Porto Rico Mission and H. S. White from the Kansas Conference to the Gulf Conference.

Report.—H. S. White was called, character passed, and he read an interesting report of his work as Sunday School Missionary during the year.

Withdrawals.—W. E. Harrison and Daniel Hayes were announced as having withdrawn from the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Conference Journal.—By order of the Conference the Secretary was directed to edit the reports and publish the Conference Journal.

Question Three.—Who Have Been Readmitted? None.

Question Sixteen.—Who Have Died? None.

Communications.—Dr. F. M. North, not being able to reach us, sent special greetings to the Bishop and Conference through J. W. Hervey.

Question Six. Who Has Continued on Trial in the Studies of the first Year? W. I. Gates, C. C. Beasley and G. W. Bolton were called, passed and continued in the studies of the First Year.

A. M. Wynne was called, passed and reported and on motion was advanced to the studies of the Second Year.

A. L. Harper was called, passed and reported and on motion was continued in the studies of the Second Year.

Question Eight. Who Have Been Admitted Into Full Membership? E. N. Hardin and B. T. Bell were called, passed and work reported. On motion they were received into full membership, and advanced to the Studies of the Third Year, they having been ordained Deacons previously.

Educational Report. By action of the Conference a call was made for the report of the Committee on Education, which upon request, was presented by Dr. John W. Hancher. J. W. Hervey, T. E. Webb, J. A. Caruth and Dr. John W. Hancher spoke to the report. Their messages were received enthusiastically by the Conference and the report was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Extension of Time. On motion of O. P. Wright and extension of time was granted. Dr. C. B. Larrabee of the Upper Iowa Conference being present, spoke encouraging words concerning the work of Port Arthur College. By request, the Bishop appointed E. D. Smith a member of the Committee on Sunday Schools.

Adjournment. After the announcements, the Conference stood adjourned, the Benediction being pronounced by Dr. J. A. Mulfinger.

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AFTERNOON SESSION—December 5, 1913

Opening Devotions.—By order of the Bishop Dr. J. W. Hancher called the Conference to order, and J. R. Basket led in singing, "I Am Thine, O Lord." The First Psalm was repeated by all, after which T. J. Shrode led in prayer.

Session.—The session being for the purpose of considering the statistics, a report was heard from the Statistician, L. E. Gower, some explanations being given, the corrections were made.

Adjournment.—On motion the session was adjourned, with the Benediction by R. O. McClure.

THIRD DAY—Saturday, December 6, 1913

Opening Devotions.—"I Am Thine, O Lord," was announced as the opening hymn and Peter Parker led in prayer. The Bishop gave an exposition from Heb. thirteenth chapter, from one to seventh verses, using a theme, "A Minister's Life and Example." Dr. Wright led in the closing prayer.

Journal.—The Journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

Introduction.—Rev. W. C. Dunn, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, was presented, who addressed the Conference and was invited to sit within the Bar.

Excused.—The Statistician with his assistants were excused from the session that they way complete their work.

Question Six.—R. R. Ellis called, passed and reported his work. On motion he was received into Full Membership and advanced to the studies of the Third Year. J. B. Kenna called, passed and was on motion continued in the studies of the Second Year and by action of Conference left without appointment to attend one of our schools. D. H. Cassels was called, passed and no report was presented. On motion he was continued in the studies of the Fourth Year.

Question Nine.—What Members Are in the Studies of the Third Year? F. J. Ensign.

H. K. Faulk, J. H. Beadle and G. L. Harper were called, passed and on motion were advanced to the studies of the Fourth Year.

Resolution.—O. P. Wright offered a Resolution concerning our work in the South, which was adopted. (See resolution)

Greetings.—Dr. John W. Hancher brought greeting to the Conference from Dr. C. B. Spencer of the Central Christian Advocate.

Dr. C. B. Larrabe gave a heartening good-bye message on the general work of the church, especially in the South.

Question Ten. Who Have Completed the Studies of the Fourth Year? Francisco Zito was called, passed and reported his work. On motion he was conditionally passed in studies of the Fourth Year and elected to Elders' Orders under the Missionary Rule. (Paragraph 166, Section 4, ¶12)

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J. D. Pointer was called, passed and continued in the studies of the Fourth Year. The Secretary was requested to bear the greetings of the Conference to Bro. Pointer and his wife in their far away field of labor.

Question Twelve.—Who Have Been Elected and Ordained Deacons? O. J. Reed and W. B. Herbert local preachers were on motion elected to Deacons' Orders.

Report.—The report of the Committee on Conference Relations was presented and the following action taken: R. R. Smith was given a Supernumerary Relation. W. T. Stokes was continued in the Supernumerary Relation, this being his Third Year. N. H. Oliver was placed in First Year of Supernumerary Relation and his case referred to a special Committee under Paragraph two hundred and fifty-four, that notice of location may be given.

George W. Rockhold having joined us from the Meth. Protestant Church as an Elder, was on motion received on Trial, and his orders as a Deacon recognized, and he was placed in the studies of the Second Year.

The orders of T. J. Jacks were recognized as a local Elder, his orders coming from the Free Methodist Church.

Transfer.—Louis May was announced as transferred to the Oklahoma Conference.

Conference Journal Fund.—The following Resolution was adopted as the plan of the Conference for the Journal Fund: Resolved, that the amount paid by each pastor and charge be fixed in proportion to salary as follows: All salaries above eight hundred dollars, including house rent and missionary money, to pay one half of one per cent. All salaries below eight hundred dollars and above four hundred dollars to pay three dollars. All salaries below that sum, two dollars. All the members of the Conference holding appointments are to pay in proportion to salary as above; the District Superintendents to pay five dollars each. The Superannuates are to be excused.

Conference Session.—A session of the Conference was called for 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Adjournment.—The notices were given and the Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY Saturday December 6, 1913, Afternoon Session.

Devotions.—"A Charge to Keep I Have," was sung and the Bishop led the Conference in prayer.

Journal.—The Journal of the morning session was read and after corrections, was approved.

Question Eleven.—Who Have Completed the Course of Study? None.

Question Thirteen.—Who Have Been Elected and Ordained Elders Under the Missionary Rule? Francisco Zito.

Question Seventeen.—Who Have Been Located at Their Own Request?

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None.

Question Eighteen.—Who Have Been Located? None.

Question Twenty-Tree.—Who Are the Supernumerary Preachers? W. T. Stokes (3 years.) R. R. Smith (1 year.) N. H. Oliver (1 year.)

Question Twenty-Four.—Who Are the Superannuated Preachers? Thomas Wilson, Julian Woodson, F. D. Van Valkinburg, Cyrus A. King and J. W. Lively.

Question Twenty-Five.—Who Are the Triers of Appeals? R. O. McClure, T. E. Webb, R. G. Swanson, R. L. Weldon and L. E. Gower.

Resolution.—J. A. Carruth presented a Resolution for a Pastors' Institute at Port Arthur College during the summer of next year, which was adopted.

Reports.—Committee reports were presented and adopted on Book Concern, State of the Church, Sabbath Observance, Sunday Schools, Home Missions and Church Extension, Foreign Missions, Auditing, Temperance, Epworth League, American Bible Society, Freedman's Aid Society, Resolutions, Conference Treasurer, Statistician and Port Arthur College Extension Fund.

J. R. Basket reported twenty-seven dollars and six cents from the sale of a small parsonage at Evangeline, which was ordered placed to the credit of the Permanent Fund for Conference Claimants.

Question Thirty.—What is the Amount of the Five Per Cent Collections for the Conference Claimants Connectional Fund Paid by the Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants? Twenty Dollars.

Question Thirty-Four.—What Amount has been Apportioned to the Pastoral Charges Within the Conference to be Raised for the Support of Conference Claimants? Five Hundred and Twenty-Five Dollars. It was also ordered that the same Resolution on this fund be printed in the Journal.

Question Thirty-Seven.—Where Shall the Next Conference be Held? Alvin, Jennings and Rock Hill were placed in nomination. Jennings was chosen and was made unanimous by vote of the Conference.

Legal Board of Stewards.—On motion of G. B. Hines the Legal Board of Stewards was continued as for the past year, being as follows: Dr. Cyrus A. King, G. B. Hines, W. E. Cline, H. E. Buck, O. C. Stanton, G. B. Woolman and J. W. Watson.

Question Twenty-Six.—What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extensions? (Report received.)

Board of Examiners.—The same Board was continued with the addition of H. S. White.

Resolutions.—J. R. Basket moved and it was voted to reprint the Resolutions on holiness and tithing.

Adjournment.—After consideration, the Conference voted to adjourn

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to Monday, December 8th, at 8 o'clock. The Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that on the Seventh day of December, 1913, I ordained as Elder, Francisco Zito, under the Missionary Rule, and on the same day, Ocello Jefferson Read and William Bazil Hebert, local Deacons, they having been duly elected by the Gulf Annual Conference.

(Signed)

W. P. THIRKIELD,

Presiding Bishop.

Port Arthur, Texas, Dec. 7th, 1913.

FOURTH DAY—Monday, December 8, 1913

Devotions.—Promptly at eight o'clock a. m. the Bishop announced as the opening hymn, "Children of the Heavenly King," and W. C. Mann led in prayer.

Journal.—The Journal of Saturday was read, corrected and approved.

Commission.—On motion of J. W. Hervey, the following Commission on Fiance was elected: H. H. McCain, T. J. Shrode, Dr. J. W. Vogan and Judge J. M. Limbocker.

Announcement.—It was announced by the Treasurer that there was a balance of two dollars in his hand. On motion it was voted to be used in the work of city missions in New Orleans.

Motion.—J. A. Carruth moved and it was carried that the action of the Conference in the matter of the returns from the Evangeline parsonage be reconsidered, and that the same be used for the work at Evangeline.

Motion.—W. C. Mann moved and it was carried that Mrs. Margaret Wood Garland be given an honorable discharge by the Conference and the Bishop, she having married during the year.

Resolutions.—G. B. Hines presented a Resolution by himself and H. S.

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White expressive of the sentiments of the Conference in appreciation of the work of Bishop Thirkield, which was put by the Secretary and carried by a unanimous vote. (See Resolution.)

Address and Announcement.—Dr. Harry G. McCain of the Church Temperance Society, was presented, who made a brief address and made important announcements concerning the work that is being done.

Missionary Appropriations.—The Missionary Appropriations were read, and on motion approved.

Motion.—A motion was made and carried that Peter Parker, R. T. Pynes and C. A. Perkins be appointed as a Committee to prepare a Resolution expressing the sentiment of the Conference against the use of the mails to carry on illicit liquor selling in dry territory.

Missionary Askings.—J. W. Hervey presented the askings of the Conference for the work of Home Missions and Church Extension, which was approved.

Journal.—J. R. Basket moved and it was carried that the Secretary be authorized to edit the Journal and that it be the Official Record of the Conference.

Question Seven.—Who Have Been Discontinued? A motion to reconsider the action of the Conference in the case of G. W. Bolton was carried, and on motion he was discontinued.

Conference Evangelist.—W. C. Mann moved, and it carried, that D. H. Cassels be appointed to the work of Conference Evangelist.

Remarks by the Bishop, Appointments and Adjournment.—Before read-

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION

*This certifies that the Journal Proceedings,
Reports and Resolutions printed herein were
made the Official Record of the Eleventh Annual
Session of the Gulf Conference, held in Woodville,
Texas, December 4-8, 1913.*

(Signed)

HENRY H. MCCAIN,

Conference Secretary

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ing the appointments the Bishop made an interesting talk on certain questions which have to do with our policy and plan. The Appointments being given by the Bishop, all were called to the Alter for a season of prayer and consecration, which was a gracious season of power and blessing. Following, the Bishop announced the adjournment of the Conference by common consent.

(Signed) W. P. THIRKIELD, Bishop Presiding.

(Signed) HENRY H. McCAIN, Secretary.

Disciplinary Questions

1.—Is this Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirement of the Discipline? It is.

2.—Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conference? Ernest D. Smith, Northwest Indiana; Harry S. White, Kansas and Arthur J. Price, Maine.

3.—Who have been Readmitted? None.

4.—Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Church? George W. Rockhold, from the Methodist Protestant Church.

5.—Who have been Received on Trial?

a--In studies of the First Year? George W. Rockhold, in Studies of Second Year.

b--In Studies of Third Year? None.

6. Who have been Continued on Trial?

a--In Studies of First Year? C. C. Beasley and W. I. Gates.

b--In Studies of Second Year? A. L. Harper, J. B. Kenna and A. M. Wynne.

c--In Studies of Third Year? None.

d--In Studies of Fourth Year? Delos H. Cassels.

7. Who have been Discontinued? Geo. W. Bolton.

8. Who have been admitted into Full Membership?

a--Elected and Ordain Deacons this year? None.

b--Elected and Ordained Deacons previously? Benjamin T. Bell, Raymond R. Ellis and Edward N. Hardin.

9. What Members are in Studies of Third Year?

a--Admitted into Full Membership this year? Benjamin T. Bell, Raymond R. Ellis and Edward N. Hardin.

b--Admitted into Full Membership previously? None.

10. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year? J. H. Beadle,

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F. J. Ensign, H. K. Faulk and J. D. Pointer.

11. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?

a--Elected and Ordained Elders this year? None.

b--Elected and Ordained Elders previously? None.

12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?

a--As Local Preachers? Wm. D. Herbert and Ascola J. Read.

b--Under Missionary Rule? None.

c--Under Seminary Rule? None.

13. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?

a--As Local Deacons? None.

b--Under Missionary Rule? Francisco Zito.

c--Under Seminary Rule? None.

14. Was the Character of each Preacher examined? This was strictly done in open Conference as each was called.

15. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences? J. M. Bennington, Northwest Indiana; S. W. Edwards, Porto Rico Mission; J. W. LaGrone, Northwest Iowa, and Louis May, Oklahoma.

16. Who have Died? None.

17. Who have been Located at their own Request? None.

18. Who have been Located? None.

19. Who have Withdrawn? W. E. Harrison and Daniel Hays.

20. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaint? None.

21. Who have been Expelled? None.

22. What other personal Notation should be made? T. J. Jacks, as Elder from Free Methodist Church.

Geo. W. Rockhold, as Deacon from Methodist Protestant Church.

23. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation? R. R. Smith, 1, W. T. Stokes, 3.

24. Who are the Retired Ministers? C. A. King, J. W. Lively, F. D. Van Valkinburgh, Thomas Wilson and Julian Woodson.

25. Who are the Triers of Appeals? R. O. McClure, T. E. Webb, R. G. Swanson, R. L. Weldon and L. E. Gower.

26. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extensions? Report received.

27. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions? Report received.

28. What is the Statistical Report? See the Statistician's Report.

29. What is the Conference Treasurer's Report? See the Conference Treasurer's Report.

30. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? \$3737.

Disciplinary Questions---Continued

31. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund? \$2000.
32. What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied? \$1351. See Report of Conference Stewards.
33. What is the Five Per Cent of the amount raised for the Support of Conference Claimants, and paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for Connectional Relief? \$20.
34. What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants? \$525.
35. Where are the Preachers Stationed? See List of Appointments.
36. Where shall the Next Conference be held? Jennings, La.

Appointments

NORTH LOUISIANA DISTRICT

H. S. White, District Superintendent,

503 East 11th St., Houston, Texas.

Auburn and Smithdale.....	T. F. Swanson, Summit, Miss.
Basile.....	C. C. Beasley, Basile, La.
De Ridder.....	C. A. Perkins, De Ridder, La.
De Ridder Circuit.....	To be supplied.
De Quincy and Reeves.....	(W. S. Franklin,) De Quincy, La.
Dry Prong.....	G. W. Rockhold, Jonesboro, La.
Elton and Raymond.....	N. L. Sayers, Elton, La.
Gloster.....	R. R. Ellis, Gloster, Miss.
Kinder.....	To be supplied.
Livonia.....	A. M. Wynne, Lottie, La.
Marthaville.....	R. G. Swanson, Marthaville, La.
Oakdale and Oberlin.....	To be supplied.
Orange.....	E. N. Harden, Anacoco, La.
Pineville.....	To be supplied.
Quitman.....	(Q. L. Bennett,) Hico, La.
Sabine.....	C. A. Perkins, De Ridder, La.
Vivian.....	(A McDow,) Vivian, La.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

J. A. Carruth, District Superintendent,

Lake Charles, La.

Bayou Chene.....	W. R. Newton, Bayou Chene, La.
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Appointments---Continued

Crowley.....	R. L. Weldon, Crowley, La.
Ebenezer.....	A. L. Harper, Ebenezer, La.
Evangeline.....	(Ezra Sarver,) Crowley, La.
Estherwood.....	To be supplied.
French Mission and Sweet Lake.....	(W. B. Herbert,) Sweet Lake, La.
Gueydan.....	To be supplied.
Hammond and Natalbany.....	(S. H. Yockey,) Hammond, La.
Iowa.....	F. M. Simpson, Iowa, La.
Jennings.....	Peter Parker, Jennings, La.
Lutcher.....	L. E. Gower, Lutcher, La.
Lake Charles.....	G. B. Hines, Lake Charles, La.
New Orleans-First Italian.....	Francisco Zito, 611 Esplanado Ave. New Orleans, La.
New Orleans St.-Charles Ave.....	R. O. McClure, 1537 Calliope St., New Orleans, La.
Port Arthur.....	E. D. Smith, Port Arthur, Texas.
Welsh.....	T. E. Webb, Welsh, La.

TEXAS DISTRICT

James W. Hervey, District Superintendent,
Hughes Springs, Texas.

Alvin.....	T. J. Shrode, Alvin, Texas.
Angilina.....	(H. L. Ellington,) Lufkin, Texas.
Arcadia and San Leon.....	(Nye Litherland,) Arcadia, Texas.
Atlanta.....	C. L. Elliott, Atlanta, Texas.
Austin, "Hyde Park".....	To be supplied.
Deadwood.....	G. L. Harper, Deadwood, Texas.
Edenburg.....	(E. L. Jones,) Edenburg, Texas.
Houston College Heights and City Missions.....	To be supplied.
Houston Heights.....	H. H. McCain, 1039 Harvard St., Houston, Texas.
Hughes Springs and Jefferson.....	J. H. Beadle, Hughes Springs, Texas.
Kirbyville and Rosedale.....	(T. J. Jacks,) Kirbyville, Texas.
La Porte and South Houston.....	B. T. Bell, La Porte, Texas.
Lyford.....	F. J. Ensign, Lyford, Texas.
Marshall.....	W. C. Mann, Marshall, Texas.
Overton, Noonday and Harleton.....	(W. T. Stokes,) Harleton, Texas.
Pearland and Aldine.....	W. I. Gates, Pearland, Texas.
Rockhill and Beckville.....	R. T. Pynes, Beckville, Texas.
San Antonio, "Trinity".....	O. P. Wright, 306 East Park Ave., San Antonio, Texas.
Shelbyville and Center.....	(J. M. Kenna,) Shelbyville, Texas.
Texas City.....	J. R. Basket, Texas City, Texas.
Winnsboro and Ore City.....	(J. A. Sigman,) Winnsboro, Texas.

Appointments---Continued

Woodville (Paul W. Edge,) Woodville, Texas.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

- Arthur J. Price, President Port Arthur College, Member Port Arthur Quarterly Conference.
H. K. Faulk, Professor Port Arthur College, Member Port Arthur Quarterly Conference.
D. H. Cassels, Conference Evangelist, Member Gloster Quarterly Conference.
J. D. Pointer, Missionary to Inhumbane East Africa.
J. B. Kenna, Left Without Appointment to Attend one of Our Schools.
W. H. Germany, Left Without Appointment to Attend one of Our Schools.
H. S. White, Sunday School Missionary.
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Local Preachers

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

- Cutlip, J. C. Hammond, La.
DeLord, Oscar Bayou Chene, La.
Dona, A. New Orleans, La.
Hebert, W. B.--L. C.-- Sweet Lake, La.
Hoag, M. A.--L. C.-- Jennings, La.
Faulk, Earl Crowley, La.
Miceli, A. New Orleans, La.
Oreut, J. C. New Orleans, La.
Palmasano, A. New Orleans, La.
Picon, L. New Orleans, La.
Staford, J. H. New Orleans, La.
Savoie, E. L. Crowley, La.
Weisz, P. M. New Orleans, La.
Sarver, Ezra Crowley, La.

NORTH LOUISIANA DISTRICT

- Anders, T. W. Marthaville, La.
Bemont, William.--L. D.-- Kinder, La.

Local Preachers---Continued

Bennett, Q. L.....	Hico, La.
Boggs, J. E.....	Goldonna, La.
Bolton, G. W.---L. D.---	Provincial, La.
Bruce, G. W.---L. D.---	Provincial, La.
Carruth, S. E.....	Auburn, Miss.
Farr, M, A.---L. D.---	Flora, La.
Foster, A. S.....	Greenburg, La.
Germany, C. B.....	Brookhaven, Miss.
Golden, William.....	Liverpool, La.
Guy, Wash.....	Greenburg, La.
Kane, J. F.....	Ravanna, Ark.
Laramont, F. R.....	Kinder, La.
McGee, Flowers.....	Smithdale, Miss.
Malone, N.....	Reeves, La.
Matirne, J. A.....	Rosedale, La.
Nelson, S. B.....	Shamrock, La.
Parsons, J. T.....	Flora, La.
Pointer, J. W.....	Quitman, La.
Richardson, W. B.....	Colfax, La.
Roberts, William.....	Summit, Miss.
Stevens, J. O.....	Natchitoches, La.
Wilkinson, C. V.....	Gloster, Miss.
Williams, W. P.....	Elton, La.
Williams, Robert.....	Summit, Miss.
Wood, H. A.....	Auburn, Miss.

TEXAS DISTRICT

Allen, B. B.....	Alvin, Texas.
Black, J. M.....	Hallville, Texas.
Campbell, J. T.....	Choice, Texas.
Denning, J. F.....	Troup, Texas.
Ellington, H. L.....	Lufkin, Texas.
Edge, Paul W.....	Woodville, Texas.
Hill, Z. M.....	Lufkin, Texas.
Jones, E. L.....	Edenburg, Texas.
Jones, H. E.....	Harleton, Texas.
Kenna, J. M.....	Shelbyville, Texas.
La Grone, C. H.....	Deadwood, Texas.
Langley, Davis L.....	Beckville, Texas.
Lawhorn, A. L.....	Daingerfield, Texas.
Matthews, S. H.....	Neuville, Texas.
McCulley, S. E.....	Arcadia, Texas.
Petty, S. F.....	Harleton, Texas.

Local Preachers---Continued

Read, O. J.....	Lufkin, Texas.
Ritchie, E. T.....	Saltiller, Texas.
Woodall, W. B.....	Longview, Texas.

Sunday School Superintendents

NORTH LOUISIANA DISTRICT

Boggs, J. E.....	Goldonna, La.
Carruth, J. P. Jr.,.....	Summit, Miss.
Clark, John.....	Goldonna, La.
Cassels, J. F.....	Gloster, Miss.
Crum, H. I.....	Gloster, Miss.
Erwin, J. N.....	Oakdale, La.
Foster, E. O.....	Hico, La.
Furlow, E. E.....	Summit, Miss.
Gerald, E. W.....	Smithdale, Miss.
Green, Dr. F. J.....	Yelgar, La.
Hodnett, W. B.....	Colfax, La.
Jacobs, G. W.....	Oberlin, La.
Long, B. L. J.....	Le Blanc, La.
Mustin, J.....	Reeves, La.
McCain, F. M.....	Basile, La.
Mathews, Geo.....	Shamrock, La.
Parsons, J. T.....	Flora, La.
Perkins, C. A.....	De Ridder, La.
Pierce, G. R.....	Marthaville, La.
Shoemaker, J. C.....	Natchitoches, La.
Smith, J. W.....	DeQuincy, La.
Thomas, A. D.....	Quitman, La.
Veltz, Mrs. J. H.....	Randolph, La.
Waters, F. D.....	Neame, La.
Weldon, D. R.....	Marthaville, La.
Williams, W. P.....	Elton, La.
Williams, J. J.....	Elton, La.

TEXAS DISTRICT

Abercrombie, J. T.....	Leggett, Texas.
Archer, E. W.....	Lyford, Texas.
Barnes, W. J.....	Colmesneil, Texas.

Sunday School Superintendents---Continued

Birdsong, Mrs. R. M.....	Lufkir, Texas.
Burnham, W. T.....	Lufkin, Texas.
Caldwell, Dr. J. R.....	Shelbyville, Texas.
Colburn, S. D.....	Deadwood, Texas.
Crump, W. S.....	Daingerfield, Texas.
Deaton, A. E.....	Beaumont, Texas.
Dickard, F. E.....	Hallville, Texas.
Ellington, W. D.....	Center, Texas.
Ford, J. D.....	Lufkin, Texas.
Greathouse, L. W.....	1620 Courtland St., Houston, Texas.
Hall, M. M.....	Hughes Springs, Texas.
Hooton, J. D.....	Hugnes Springs, Texas.
Hovey, L. G.....	La Porte, Texas.
Hudspeth, B. A.....	Ore City, Texas.
Hughes, Enos.....	Shelbyville, Texas.
Hughes, A. B.....	Center, Texas.
Jones, H. H.....	South Houston, Texas.
La Grone, T. H.....	Deadwood, Texas.
Longshore, W. T.....	Beckville, Texas.
Mann, Mrs. Alice.....	Colmesneil, Texas.
McCready, Wm.....	Woodville, Texas.
Morris, Mrs. Emma.....	Winnsboro, Texas.
Marsh, Frank E.....	Marshall, Texas.
Newman, A. E.....	Texas Clty, Texas.
Oney, W. T.....	Harleton, Texas.
Peeples, A. D.....	Alvin, Texas.
Prewitt, Bassie.....	Daingerfield, Texas.
Racey, C. S.....	136 E. Cincinnati Ave., San Antonio, Texas.
Shanner, John.....	Arcadia, Texas.
Sherer, J. W.....	Atlanta, Texas.
Still, R. G.....	Overton, Texas.
Tyler, J. F.....	Logansport, La.
Williams, W. T.....	Jefferson, Texas.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Brousard, D. A.....	Sweet Lake, La.
Bucklin, J. C.....	Jennings, La.
Buck, H. E.....	Lake Charles, La.
Bowman, S. J.....	Lutcher, La.
Cronk, A. J.....	Gueydan, La.
Cutlip, J. E.....	Hammond, La.
Cook, S. N.....	Iowa, La.
Fuller, R. T.....	1556 Canal St., New Orleans, La.

Sunday School Superintendents---Continued

Hacket, A. L.....	Bell City, La.
Little, G. F.....	Ebenezer, La.
Miller, J. J.....	Welsh, La.
Nuttal, Mrs.....	Crescent, La.
Palmer, C. V.....	Port Arthur, Texas.
Palmasono, A.....	New Orleans, La.
Savoie, E. L.....	Crowley, La.
Theriot, Mrs. Sara.....	Bayou Chene, La.



Our Dead

"These all died in the Faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on Earth."

WALTER ZIMMERMAN,

IRA N. PARDEE,

P. C. CHANEY,

JOHN T. JAMES,

WILLIAM F. BOLTON,

H. G. BREED,

EDGAR A. FERGUSON.

Plan of Examination

Exam'er	Admission	First Year	Second Yr.	Third Year	Fourth Yr.
Basket	Sermon		Dewey		Patten
Carruth	Wheeler	Denny		Sermon	
Gower		Broadus	Essay	Fisher	
Hervey	Winchester	Phelps		Jackson	Eiseln
Hines			Meyer	Sheldon	Sheldon
				P. 322	P. 322-635
McCain	Discipline		Terry		Smythe
Mann		Eaton	Mott		Essay
Webb	J. Sanford	Dods			Bowne
Weldon	Hurlbut	Sermon		Sheldon, Sacerdot'sm	Winchester
White	Eiselen and	Merrell and	Speer		Earp
	Barclay	Downey			
Altern'te	Leete	Bushnell	Orr	Brown	Gr'st

RULES OF EXAMINATION

I. List of Questions shall be prepared by each Examiner, endorsed with the title of the text book, name and address of the Examiner and sent to the Registrar for filing.

II. Each Examiner shall retain one copy of his own Questions.

III. Each Examiner shall send all grades promptly to Registrar.

IV. If Student wants his grade he shall enclose with his paper a self addressed and stamped envelope.

V. The attention of all students is called to paragraph 63, Sections 1 and 3, Page 49, Discipline 1908.

VI. Each student is required to give a written statement to the Registrar, that he has read the books required in the course of study.

VII. All essays and sermons must be in the hands of the Examiners thirty days before Conference.

VIII. There shall be no "Special Examiners" except in cases of emergency, and then only by a member of the Board delegated by the chairman.

IX. There shall be two mid-year examinations during the year. One in the spring at the time and place of the respective District Ministerial Associations, at which time students shall be required to bring up a portion of the course of study. The other one in the fall, in a location convenient to the students. These Examinations shall be under the

Rules of Examination---Continued

personal supervision of some member of the Board delegated by the chairman.—From 1911 Journal.

X. Each Examiner shall prepare typewritten questions and in good form. Students must observe neatness and care in their work.

T. E. WEBB, Registrar.
Welsh, La.

R. L. WELDON, Chairman.
Crowley, La.

Report of Conference Board of Stewards

RECEIPTS FOR ANNUITY FUND

Book Concern Dividend.....	\$584.
Chartered Fund Dividend.....	30.
Part of Support of Conference Claimants Determined by Conference..	75.
Income on Conference Annuity Investments.....	38.
Gifts or Bequests for Immediate Distribution.....	5.

Total Distribution.....	\$732.
Disciplinary Annuity.....	\$10.
Annuity Actually Paid.....	6.
Necessary to Pay the Full Legal Claims.....	1220.
Estimated Amount for Necessitous Cases.....	400.

Total.....\$1620.

RECEIPTS FOR SPECIAL FUND

Connectional Relief Dividend of the Board of Conference Claimants...	\$300.
Part of the Support of Conference Claimants—Determined by Con...	319.

Total for Distribution.....\$619.
GRAND TOTAL FOR DISTRIBUTION..... \$1351.

Disbursements

N. B.---The full legal Disciplinary Annuity is \$10 per year.
The Annuity Actually Paid is \$6 per year.

No.	NAME	Years Effective	Total Ann'ty Claim	Ann'y Paid	Al'd fm Spl Fund	Total Am't Paid
1	King, C. A. Lake Charles, La.	47	\$470	\$282		\$282
2	Lively, J. W. Marshall, Tex.	15	150	90	\$98	188
3	Van Valkenburg, F. D. Biloxi, Miss.	12	120	72	100	172
4	Wilson, Thomas, Sabine, Tex.				75	75
5	Woodson, Julian, Marshall, Tex. Widows and Children	11	110	66	175	241
6	Bolton, Mrs. W. F.	2	20	12		12
7	Bolton, Mrs. W. F. Children	4	40	24	20	44
8	Chaney, Mrs. P. C. Houston, Tx. 328 Arlington St.	11	110	66		66
9	Ferguson, Mrs. E. A.	2	20	12		12
10	Ferguson, Mrs E. A. Children	6	60	36	47	83
11	James, Mrs J. T.	10	100	60	104	164
12	James, Mrs J. T. Child	2	20	12		12
GRAND TOTALS			\$1220	\$732	\$619	\$1351

APPORTIONMENT FOR CONFERENCE CLAIMENTS NEXT
YEAR IS \$525---See page six for action of Conference.

Report of District Superintendents

NORTH LOUISIANA DISTRICT

Dear Bishop and Brethren:

As your District Superintendent, of North Louisiana District, I submit to you my sixth annual report. This is the

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Missionary District of the Conference. It was organized in December, 1905, by Bishop Luther B. Wilson, and Dr. J. W. Lively was appointed Presiding Elder. Dr. Lively served the District two years and in December, 1907, he asked to be relieved from District work and your humble servant was appointed Presiding Elder by Bishop William Burt. For six years, under many difficulties, I have served the district the best I could.

In the territory of this district our Sister Churches, the Methodist Episcopal Church South and the Methodist Protestant Church, have been doing work for years and all of the best towns have been entered by them, often both of them, and I thought it unwise to organize the Methodist Episcopal Church in a town where both of these Churches have been operating for years, unless a sufficient number of our own people should move into a town to justify us entering to care for them, or where the town is large enough for the three Churches to work without wasting time and money. This conviction, with other reasons I shall mention, have kept me from entering many of the best towns of the district and in this action I am sure I am sustained by this Conference.

Another serious trouble which confronted me was manning the district with suitable men and supporting them. When I was placed on the district I had three preachers, one a probationer in the first year, and the other two supplies. I was compelled to secure suitable men for the district and with the small salaries the charges paid this was no easy task. We have labored under financial embarrassment which was hard to overcome. In 1907, the last year Dr. Lively served the district, he received only \$74.00 salary from the district. When I was appointed to the district I had no furniture, no parsonage, no income and a wife and seven children. No one of my men have had an adequate salary. Notwithstanding these difficulties the Lord has blessed our work until we had build up a small district with good promise of development; several thousand dollars worth of Church Property and some of the best young men of the Conference and at our last session the Conference three district were made out of the four and the territory along the Frisco Railway in South Louisiana, in the Southern District and South Mississippi, in the New Orleans District was placed with the North Louisiana District, almost doubling my territory and so materially changing the territory of the District until it is no longer a North Louisiana District. The original North Louisiana District, the portion of the Southern District along the Frisco-Railway and South Mississippi from New Orleans District being placed together constitutes a new district and should be named the Central Louisiana District.

Within the bounds of this district are many small towns and great stretches of country with good land, thickly settled, where neither the Methodist Episcopal Church South nor the Methodist Protestant Church

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are doing work and some whole parishes which have no Protestant preaching; these we are trying to work. We are also studying carefully every town of importance in the district and wherever we are needed we are entering them as fast as we can secure men and money to work them. The constant stream of emigration from the North and West to this section of Country makes this an opportune time for us. We, as a church, cannot afford to neglect this section of country. Railroads and towns are being built in every direction. The land is producing large paying crops and thousands of people are settling in this section of country. This is a good field for the Methodist Episcopal Church.

This has been a hard year in some respects, but in others a good one. Our people for the most part are farmers and the boll weevil and excessive rains during harvest time have made it very hard on the farmers. Crops were short, to begin with, and a large per cent of corn, cotton, peas, potatoes and rice ruined in the fields on account of heavy rains in September and October. This with the high cost of living has made it exceedingly hard for the preachers to live and will cause a shortage in the Benevolences of the Church.

CONCLUSION

I was never more thoroughly convinced than now that our Heavenly Father has lead in the establishing of the Gulf Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church here in this fair South land of ours. The South needs our church. Our own people who come South clamor for their own church and our Southern people who believe in a Church, not sectional, no North, South, East or West desire the Methodist Episcopal Church.

I covet for our methodism in this Southern Territory a deeper yearning for the souls of men, a more thorough consecration to God and his service, a spirit of willingness to suffer and sacrifice until the last man is brought into the Kingdom.

I thank God for a place in the ministry of our Great Church; I thank him for the blessings of this year. He has been good to me and mine. His blessings have crowned our ministry. We have had a good revival on almost every charge. Hundreds have found pardon and purity at our altars. I have enjoyed the best of health and the continued presence of God and the hearty co-operation of all my brethren.

I thank God for the Gulf Conference; I thank him for this body of faithful consecrated men and their good wives who have so willingly and cheerfully shared the burdens and hardships of this district, without murmur or complaint. No one of them has had even the actual necessities of life but no word of complaint has come to me. God bless them.

With such self sacrificing men; with the great Methodist Episcopal Church sharing our burdens and with an ever increasing confidence in our Conference and its future by the leading men of the church and such

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a wise, godly man as our dear Bishop Thirkield as our resident Bishop. I see clearly a brighter day for our Conference.

I beg for an humble place in your ministry, your confidence and your prayers.

Faithfully yours,

W. C. MANN.

TEXAS DISTRICT

Bishop Thirkield and Brethren of the Conference:

With great pleasure and with boundless thanksgiving I come to make my fourth annual report of the Texas District to the Gulf Annual Conference.

We rejoice that during this year we have been able to pay on our property indebtedness the sum of \$2,350. This leaves our Church and Parsonage property practically free of debt.

This has been a year of building and improving our property as well as paying off old debts. There has been paid on building and improving churches and Parsonages \$8,350, making a total raised for debts, building and improving, \$10,700. This is a record breaker for the Texas District.

At Rock Hill, under the leadership of the Pastor, Bro. Bell, there have arisen as if by magic a \$3,000 church, beautifully built and finished, and furnished with Opera chairs and a seven-room Parsonage no less beautiful and comfortable, valued at \$1,250. This is a material miracle. Besides a fine \$2,500 school building has been erected there this year.

Bishop Thirkield dedicated this new church on a recent Sunday and it was a great day for Rock Hill Methodism. There was no money to raise, because it had been paid for.

A Parsonage has been purchased in Atlanta, which is valued at \$1,000.

At Shiloh, a point on the Deadwood charge, a new church has been built, valued at \$800, and the class there has taken on new life. Seventeen new members were added to them during the revival.

The church at Woodville has been completed this year and was dedicated by Bishop Thirkield at the session of the Conference.

At Texas City a seating capacity of 206 has been added to our church, which makes room for 400 people, and the capacity is filled each Sunday. This was done at a cost of \$1,000.

At Alvin, Brother Shrode has lifted the debt on the Parsonage, amounting to \$1450, and they will soon remodel their church, making more room, which is much needed.

At the Houston Heights church the crowded conditions obtain, and those people, under the leadership of Dr. McCain, plan to enlarge their borders.

The Church and Parsonage of our "Trinity" church in San Antonio have undergone a thorough renovating and look like new.

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Plans are being perfected for the building of a \$2,000 church in Lyford, one of the most strategic points in this great Southwest. We have there a \$500 lot with a Ladies' Aid building on it valued at \$800.

In the city of Houston, under the management of Dr. White, our Sunday School Missionary, two lots have been secured in strategic places, which we hope to improve in the near future. Sunday Schools have been organized at these places and Boards of Trustees have been duly elected.

The church could do no better thing than to place a city Missionary in Houston to look after the interests of our church and to meet our people coming through that great center to this wonderful Southland. Houston is the gateway and from here diverge the living lines of emigration to all points of this wonderful Texas District.

Our Pastors must be wide awake to the interests of our church, especially here in the South, where thousands of our people are coming every year from the North.

A certain Conference in this same territory reported the other day her increase in membership for the year now closing to be 3,500, and their Bishop announced that that church was growing more rapidly than any other denomination in the world.

Brethren, the very fact that there is such an enormous stream of emigration to the South, and many of these emigrants are Methodists, and other Methodists are wide awake to the situation, with men and money, and we are stinted as to funds, etc., this means the fruitful source of their increase and of our decrease. Unless the great Methodist Episcopal Church reemblazens her motto and purpose on her forward banners, "The World is My Parish" and "We are Raised up to Spread Scriptural Holiness over these Lands," another will take her crown. I do not mean to sound a note of pessimism or to discourage anyone, but we must be aggressive everywhere or there will be the greatest slump in membership in the next few years that the church has ever experienced. We need thousands of dollars in this great and growing Southwest to help us take care of our own people, but we do not need this money more than we need the moral support and endorsement of our preachers and people where the church is stronger. May God give us both.

We could speak further in detail of the improvements which have been made this year, but time tails us. And you will excuse me if I speak more generally of the work of the District.

I sincerely hope that each Pastor may have time and opportunity to report briefly of his work as to Spiritual and material gains. At least the Statistical report will show the work done.

The Pastors have been faithful and self-sacrificing and that in the midst of hardships and privations that would stagger men of little faith and devotion. They have all been true men with heroic and self-sacrificing wives who have stood by their husbands in the work, often bearing

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more than their share of the privations. In the midst of poverty and privations that some of us know nothing of, one could hear these Saints of God triumphantly singing:

“The steps of the lone Gallilean
With gladness I'll follow today,
And the toils of the road will be nothing
When I get to the end of the way.”

The religious condition of the District, while not all that could be desired, is still to be recorded with growth.

Revivals have been held in every church in the District and they have resulted in the blessing of hundreds of souls.

580 is the net gain in membership, making a total membership in the District of 2,882.

There have been four new churches organized this year.

J. P. Morgan, the great financier, comes out in the papers with the statement that what we need is a revival of old time family religion which built home altars and made people good. So he proposed the founding of a fund of three million dollars for American Evangelism. The need of that kind of a revival no one will gainsay. But it can no more be bought with \$3,000,000 than Simon Magus could buy the gift of the Holy Ghost with money.

Brothers, what we need to convert America and save the world is 3,000,000 Methodists on their knees in dust and ashes before God until the fire falls from the upper skies as it did upon Elijah's altar on Mt. Carmel and kindle a holy flame that will be seen and felt the world around.

But this can not be done by multiplying outside agencies, nor by so called Holiness churches or associations which savor often of the spirit of dissension and discord than of the spirit of Holiness.

What we need is a Spirit-baptized Ministry, and a Spirit-filled church that will do God's work as God wants it done. Then will the evils be cured and the Christ will come to His own.

And I am persuaded, Brothers, that nothing will cure it so quickly and so effectually as for our preachers to all seek and obtain the Baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire and then regularly and wisely and lovingly and Scripturally teach our people the Doctrine and get them into the experience of entire Sanctification.

The revival is the feature of prime importance among us. May it never cease to be. Methodism was born in a revival and without it we die. The church of Jesus Christ must be a Spiritual force or it cannot fulfill its mission. The Holy Spirit life is the sine qua non of its existence and success.

We have 34 Sunday schools with 2,000 scholars. Several new schools have been organized this year. The Board of Sunday Schools did an invaluable work for this Conference when it gave to us Brother White as

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our Sunday School Missionary. He has done excellent work in this District.

There are 10 Epworth Leagues with 286 members. They are doing good work.

We have 13 Ladies' Aid Societies, which have wrought nobly. They have raised and expended this year \$1730.25.

We have 20 Local Preachers nearly all of whom are doing regular and systematic work on the Sabbath day.

Our District Conference met with the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Alvin, Texas. This session was pronounced by many to be the best yet. Bishop Thirkield was present with us and blessed us by his wise counsel, brotherly fellowship and Spiritual ministry.

The Benevolences have been presented and in the main faithful and zealous efforts have been used to collect them in full.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

There is not enough pride in the work of God to cause the people to make the salary allowance sufficiently large to meet the actual needs of our preachers. This sad fact enters largely into the problem of manning the work to the best advantage. The finances are among our greatest problems.

We have been blessed by the presence and ministry of our beloved Bishop Thirkield at the following places: Atlanta and Marshall, where he preached to the delight of our people; at Rock Hill, where the new church was dedicated; at Alvin during the District Conference; at Houston Heights and So. Houston where our splendid new church was dedicated.

PROBLEMS

The District is not without its problems, else we should feel that all had been done that needed to be done.

We need—

1. A deeper vital piety on the part of our people.
2. An army of conscientious stewards who will pay to the Lord His tenth.
3. Pastors' salaries commensurate with the needs of today.
4. More comfortable Parsonages and a District Parsonage.
5. There is the pressing need of good Stewards on many charges.
6. Often there is the need of greater diligence in Pastoral work and preparation of sermons.
7. Often there is need of absolute loyalty on the part of the membership.

Our two retired ministers, Brothers, Woodson and Lively, have been abundant in labors and their lives and ministry have blessed us.

O. J. Read, Superintendent of the Citizen's Child Welfare Society, of

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Lufkin, has placed 33 orphan children and aided many more this year.

IN CONCLUSION

I have tried to do that for which I was sent. I have looked after the interests of the church, both temporal and spiritual, as best I could.

The traveling of the District has caused me to traverse a distance of 20,000 miles. The work has been hard, but pleasant. My relations with the Pastors and people during the year have been most pleasant. All my Pastors are on the honor roll.

I have realized His presence to be with me in all power, and thank God His grace has never failed me once.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. HERVEY.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Dear Bishop and Brethren of the Conference:

In bringing you this my second report as District Superintendent, I wish first to acknowledge the goodness and mercy of our Heavenly Father, extended to us. Through His goodness our lives have been preserved, we have been kept in health, and our needs have been supplied according to His riches in glory.

Another year has passed, and again we come from the battle field to give an account of our stewardship. As I reflect the year that has now gone into history and as I face again the many duties and responsibilities in this reckoning up, the question that lingers with me is, did I do my best? Did I play the part of a man? Did I stand four-square for the right? I can only say that such was my desire. I tried.

The work of the District has gone forward, and I think some creditable progress has been made. We have visited every charge in the District from four to five times during the year, holding four quarterly Conference in each, with the exception of one where only three were held. It has been our purpose to give diligent attention to all the business of the Church, and to render every assistance possible.

Everywhere the pastors and the people have received us gladly, and our labors have been in love and in unity of the Spirit.

We have fifteen pastoral charges, extended over a territory nearly four hundred miles long. (From Port Arthur, Texas, to Natalbany, La.) We have at this time within the District twelve pastors, including the supplies.

We have nineteen churches, and eleven parsonages that are estimated to be worth \$97,050, and approximately 1366 members, including probationers, eighteen Sunday Schools with an approximate enrollment of 1880, seven Epworth Leagues with a membership of 260.

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THE CHARGES

Bayou Chene, W. R. Newton, pastor. This charge has been spoken of and written about so elaborately, until I feel that there is nothing that I can say as to its general history that you do not know: We have three churches, two Sunday Schools, and four preaching places on this charge. The work has done well under the leadership of Brother Newton, and I think he will bring up the best benevolent report the charge has ever had. The pastor made an aggregate of six hundred and twenty-three pastoral visits during the year.

CROWLEY

Louis May, pastor. This is the closing of the sixth year of Brother May's pastorate at Crowley. The work has in some respects done better than in any previous year. We have at Crowley a good property, church and parsonage, estimated to be worth \$9000.00. Has a church membership of approximately ninety-five, including probationers, a good Sunday School with an enrollment of one hundred and thirty-five, and Epworth League with a membership of thirty. We are hoping and to this end we are working—that Crowley will in the near future again become self-supporting. Our people are loyal and true.

EBENEZER

A. L. Harper, pastor. This has been a red-letter year in the history of the Ebenezer church. Last year they were so discouraged over a church debt, and other things that were more or less imaginary, that some of them did not hesitate to say to me at the Fourth Quarterly Conference that it would be just as well not to send them any pastor. Brother Harper was given them for half time and through his wise leadership and the loyalty of a few that never give up, the people were encouraged, congregations increased, the old debt was all paid, and on July 1 we had the very great privilege of the presence of Bishop Thirkield in dedicating the church. This is a day in the history of the Ebenezer charge not soon to be forgotten. They now come pleading for a pastor for full time.

FRENCH MISSION AND SWEET LAKE

W. B. Hebert, pastor. This work is located in one of the most needy fields in all of our territory. As far as I know Brother Hebert is the only Protestant minister in all Cameron Parish. The almost-unheard-of floods have greatly interfered with the plans of the work, but notwithstanding this the work has gone forward, several have been converted and joined the church, a number of children have been baptized, and preaching places have been established. We are greatly in need of another worker in this needy field.

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GUEYDAN

A. L. Harper, pastor. At Gueydan, we have a little band of as fine and loyal people as are to be found anywhere. They love the pastor and have stood by him in all his work. They have a nice little church and parsonage, and had hoped to have a pastor to reside with them the coming year, but the floods have precluded this possibility.

HAMMOND

Hammond is a town of approximately 4000 inhabitants, situated 50 miles north of New Orleans, on the I. C. R. R., and is known as the strawberry town of Louisiana. Hammond is a town of many churches, but if there is a church in town that is doing anything I failed to find it out. Brother W. H. Germany was appointed to this point last Conference, but was excused from the work in July to attend school. His stay was so short that he did not get into the work at all. Both the Bishop and myself failed to secure a suitable man for the place, therefore, they have had no pastor since. Notwithstanding the above facts the people are hopeful and optimistic and say they will stand by any man whom the Bishop sends.

IOWA

Iowa is a three-point charge, and is supplied this year by Brother Bramhall. It was from this charge that Brother Pointer and his good wife went out as Missionaries to Africa. For some reason the work on this charge has not prospered for the past three years as it should. We trust, however, that this coming year the tide will turn, and the people will find themselves in their old time zeal and activity.

JENNINGS

Jennings is one of our best appointments, and always does her part. Peter Parker is the pastor, this being his first full year. Our church here, after some disturbance, is now united and is prospering in all the different departments. Brother Parker, the pastor, has done well, and I have a request from the Quarterly Conference to the Bishop for his return another year.

LUTCHER

Lutcher is situated on the Y. & M. V. R. R., 40 miles north of New Orleans. This charge as you know was left to be supplied last Conference. After a few weeks we secured Rev. J. B. Kenna, who served the work in a most efficient and satisfactory way for seven months. The first of September he was excused from the work to attend school. Again both the Bishop and myself failed to find a suitable man for the place.

Lutcher stands ready to receive their new pastor, and will pay him

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every dollar promised. There will be a deficit in pastor's salary in their report this year, which is because of the fact that they had no pastor for the time.

LAKE CHARLES

Rev. G. B. Hines, pastor. Lake Charles is one of our best appointments. Here we have a property valued at \$17,000, a church membership of 203, a Sunday School with a total enrollment of 261, a good Epworth League, and the church organized in all of its departments. The work has gone forward this year with increased interests. Our need for some time has been better accommodations for our Sunday School. To meet this demand the Trustees purchased an adjoining property at a cost of \$5000. for a parsonage, and the old parsonage is being arranged for Sunday School class rooms at a cost of \$2500.

NATALBANY

Natalbany is situated on the I. C. R. R., 53 miles north of New Orleans. It is the town of the Natalbany Lumber Company. Here we have a nice little church, one of the nicest in the Conference, built and owned by the company, but dedicated to us. Dr. J. E. Scoot, is serving this church. The work is like all work in saw-mill towns, not very permanent. The people are coming and going and it is hard to do much more than give them the Gospel as they are passing by. By persistent effort we have succeeded this year in getting the work fairly well organized.

NEW ORLEANS

St. Charles Ave. The history of this church is well known to practically every man in the Conference. For all these years we have watched and wondered what the outcome would be, and this is still problematical, but there are some things that are plain to the most casual observer. One of which is our location, being one of the best in the city. It is located just one block from Lee Circle, the dividing point between St. Charles St. and St. Charles Ave., just across the street from one of the public libraries of the city, and right at the dividing point between the business and residence sections of the very best part of the city. It seems to me that our location could not be more ideal. I would like to discuss this work at length, but this may not be the time nor the place to do so. Rev. R. O. McClure has served this work this year, and those of the Brethren that have served this church can appreciate what that means. Brother McClure has done well. The work has made progress, under his leadership. I am encouraged over the outlook for St. Charles Ave.

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FIRST ITALIAN

Our Italian work in the city was entirely new to me so I had to make a special study of it. I think we have made some progress, and first I want to say that we cannot understand the Italian work unless we have gone among the people, prayer with, and preached to them. It is estimated that there are 60,000 Italians in the city of New Orleans. They are for the most part, of course, Catholic, but some of them are nothing. The first thought I have of this great throng is they have come to our shores to stay. The next is what are we going to do with them? Or what will they do with us? Already our American boys are beginning to marry their girls, and whether we think them desirable or not, they are to be assimilated, and become a part of our great American Republic. We must either win them for Christ, or they will influence us from God. We must either Christianize them, or they will Romanize us.

We have down on Espanade Ave., a beautiful piece of property that is estimated to be worth \$8000. On this we owe \$3000. We have a class with a membership of eighty, and a good Sunday School with an enrollment of something like eighty. We also have a Kindergarden, which is being conducted under the efficient leadership of Miss Peet. Brother Francisco Zito is pastor; who is true to his church, true to his God, and true to his people.

PORT ARTHUR

Rev. Ernest D. Smith, pastor. Brother J. M. Bennington was appointed to this church last Conference, and served till some time in October, at which time he was transferred to the North Indiana Conference, and Brother Smith transferred from the same Conference to Port Arthur. The people are well pleased with Dr. Smith and are planning to take up the work of the church on a more extended plan than before. Port Arthur is now coming to be one of our foremost and very best appointments.

WELSH

Rev. T. E. Webb, pastor. This has been the best year of the Welsh church for several years. They have had a revival almost throughout the entire year. The result is the congregations have increased, something like thirty substantial members have been added to the church, the Sunday School has grown till it stands with the largest of the Conference, they send their pastor to Conference with all collections in full, and with a most urgent request to the Bishop to return him to them for another year.

PORT ARTHUR COLLEGE

Next we want to call attention to our school at Port Arthur, Texas.

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First, I wish to say that my heart is inspired at the thought and mention of it. Somehow I feel that God is in it, and that we have the beginning of what will some day be one of the greatest Institutions in all this Southland.

Dr. A. J. Price, the new President, I believe is the man for the hour, is full of zeal, and is optimism itself. He now has a grip on the situation, such as one could hardly expect after a year or more of experience with the institution, he wins the hearts of the people everywhere he goes, and the people are saying, "I never knew that we had such an Institution with such possibilities."

The school is being reorganized in all of its departments, so that expenses are reduced to the minimum, and efficiency increased to the maximum.

There are many things that I could and would like to say, but Dr. Price will have an opportunity to speak to you at length, and will tell you more than I could possibly tell. In conclusion will say that now is the time for all good men to rally to the support of Port Arthur College.

Resolutions

WHEREAS, John Wesley claimed the world as his parish, and

WHEREAS, The territory of the Gulf Conference is a far reaching battle line, extending from New Orleans to Brownsville on the Mexican border—widely separated from the great centers and sacred shrines of early Methodist, and

WHEREAS, The Methodist Episcopal Church came to this Southland with ministers and school masters to evangelize, educate and encourage the poor and needy, regardless of race, color or previous condition, and

WHEREAS, There are needy communities and longing souls, hungering for the ministry of a church which knows no sectional lines, but stands four-square, and

WHEREAS, The Methodist Episcopal Church is still needed here, whereas, the completion of the Panama Canal will mean throngs of immigrants at New Orleans, Port Arthur and Galveston, and

WHEREAS, Many Methodist Episcopal people who come to the South, either as residents or tourists, go to other churches, and

WHEREAS, Much of this loss is tracable to a lack of information concerning our work and mission here,

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Gulf Conference invite our beloved Bishop Thirkield to formulate a statement setting forth the need and opportunity in this region, with an appeal to the loyalty of our denomination and an appeal for money, so that in our strategic centers we may let our light shine—not with the uncertain glimmerings of a tallow dip, but with the inviting and steady radiance of electricity.

This statement to be published in all of our church papers and signed by the Bishops, editors and secretaries.

O. P. WRIGHT.

TITHING

WHEREAS, We believe that the Word of God, the Old Testament plainly teaches that one-tenth of our income belongs to the Lord, and nowhere in the New Testament can there be found anything contrary to this teaching that would indicate a less amount, and

WHEREAS, Our Discipline also teaches the duty of tithing as scriptural—paragraph 70—; and

WHEREAS, The pressing needs of our Church, here and elsewhere, are such we feel that this should be the least proportionate of our giving; Therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the Gulf Conference in session at Marshall, Texas, that we endorse and adopt the tithe method of giving unto the Lord, as our financial plan of systematic giving.

Second. That we join ourselves together in a league, pledging ourselves to appropriate this tithe first to the financial obligations of our respective charges until all such obligations have been fully met.

Third. That we will begin a campaign on the tithe method among our people and will seek to organize tithing bands in all of our Churches.

HOLINESS

Introduced by James R. Basket

WHEREAS, Our Discipline says: "In 1729 two young men in England, reading the Bible saw they could not be saved without holiness, followed after it and invited others to do so. In 1737 they saw, likewise, that men are justified before they are sanctified," and

WHEREAS, All our books on doctrine in our course of study of young preachers teach this Bible truth of entire sanctification clearly and emphatically; and

WHEREAS, "Our Church is the only Church in history from Apostolic times until now, that has put forward as its very elemental thought, the great all-pervading central idea of the whole Book of God from the beginning to the end, the holiness of the human heart, soul, mind and

Resolutions---Continued

will;" and

WHEREAS, Our Church has always been loyal to this grand Despotism of Methodism; Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the members of the Gulf Conference in session at Marshall, Texas, that we affirm our faith and confidence in the Methodist Episcopal Church in her loyalty to the doctrine of holiness and in her attitude toward those seeking the higher life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we invite the co-operation of all those who love the Church and hold this truth in wisdom to unite with us in spreading Scriptural Holiness over these lands.

Reports

The Methodist Book Concern is not only the greatest in volume of business in the world, but it is great in moral and intellectual discrimination, and great in its ministry to our veterans and their families.

We commend the Methodist Review and the Advocate Family to our pastors and people. The Central Christian Advocate is especially helpful in the territory of the Gulf Conference. Let us follow the advice and example of John Wesley in recommending and distributing our own books and papers among our members and constituency.

Let us purchase liberally of the book concern and settle annually.

O. P. WRIGHT, Chairman.

R. O. McCLURE, Secretary.

R. R. ELLIS.

STATE OF THE CHURCH

The Church is making healthy growth, both numerically and spiritually, for which we are devoutly thankful.

Our greatest cause for rejoicing, however, is in the broader view that is coming to us of the meaning of the Kingdom of God, and the purpose of the Gospel.

We are realizing, as never before, that not only must man be regenerated but that his environment must also be regenerated, and that the world must be literally saved for Jesus Christ. "Heaven on earth" must be our aim for tomorrow.

T. E. WEBB, Chairman.

T. J. SHRODE, Secretary.

G. B. HINES.

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EDUCATION

The work of the Board of Education, under the new legislation of 1908 and 1912, not only gives promise of large things, but is already achieving victories that are tremendously worth while. The Children's Day Collection should be taken in every charge, every year, and should be forwarded direct to the office of the Board of Education at 150 Fifth Ave., New York City. This collection belongs to the Children's Loan Fund, and can never be appropriated legally for any other purpose.

The Public Educational Collection sent out by the General Conference Commission on Finance should have, now and henceforth in the Gulf Conference, our careful and earnest attention. Twenty per cent of this collection goes to the Board of Education in New York City, and eighty per cent is at the order of the Gulf Conference for local education institutions. This 20 per cent and 80 per cent whether taken separately or together should be reported always together in one column as the "Public Educational Collection." Hitherto this collection has been a rather negligible matter with us, but we are fully persuaded that the time is at hand when it should be taken at every charge by every pastor with the same attention, same interest, and same preliminary instructions that are given any other great benevolent cause.

In view of the growing importance of our local educational work, and in view of the rapidly increasing helpfulness for larger and more generous support, we recommend that this Conference apportion for the coming year the sum of \$1000.00 to be raised for the Public Educational Collection.

The subscriptions made over a year ago and now being paid in whole or in part to Port Arthur College, should be reported in the 3d Column under "General Education." The 1st column should report "Children's Day Collection," the 2d Column "Public Educational Collection," and the 3d Column these special funds raised for the subscriptions above specified. The Treasurer should be authorized to give credit for payment in this 3d Column on the voucher of the President or Treasurer of Port Arthur College, or in the absence of regular voucher, on the certificate of the President himself that the funds have been received. However the pastors may have reported the Public Educational Collection this year, we recommend to the Treasurer and he is hereby instructed to record the whole of the Educational Collections for the Board of Education listed in the apportionment sent out by the General Conference Commission on Finance as Public Educational Collection, and the collections taken for local interest in the 2d Column, leaving the 3d Column free for Port Arthur College Special Fund as above mentioned.

The Treasurer is hereby instructed to send 20 per cent of the entire amount of the Public Educational Collection to the Board of Education

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at New York City, and 80 per cent to our Port Arthur College at Port Arthur, Texas.

The time has come for the Gulf Conference to take Port Arthur College on its heart. Methodism has always centered at educational institutions. It was begotten in a great university, and has been generously supported of liberal learning from its birth-moment until now. Generous provisions have been made for the beginning of an educational institution within the bounds of our own Conference at Port Arthur. This institution has great possibilities. Whether it shall grow, thrive, and become a mighty center of Christian influence thruout the Southwest, or shrivel, starve, and die, depends upon the attitude of the Gulf Conference toward it, the atmosphere it shall throw around it, and the spirit in which it shall foster its interests.

Our young people turn more and more to institutions of higher learning. To what institutions shall we direct them? What shall be the dominant influence upon their lives during their years of liberal education, the years when the most important choices and decisions of life are being made? Shall we leave them to select for themselves? To be sent out into the world with the impress of institutions that place no emphasis upon the ideals, the visions, the triumphs, or the immortality of Jesus Christ and his kingdom?

Port Arthur College is ours. It will honor or dishonor us, credit or discredit us, as we foster and support it, inspire and nourish it, or neglect it and thus destroy it.

We welcome the new President, Arthur J. Price, with his enthusiastic spirit, his high aim, as a man whom God has sent to the Kingdom for such a time as this. We hereby earnestly and unanimously request him to transfer his membership to the Gulf Conference.

We expect to see Port Arthur College become a worthy center of intellectual prowess and spiritual vision, where young people may find themselves in the noblest and best sense, and where they will be inspired to consecrate their lives to the best things in the Kingdom of God and of men.

We hereby declare our purpose now and henceforth, to use our utmost endeavor to direct young men and young women thruout the bounds of the Gulf Conference, who go away from home to school, to Port Arthur College—believing that the best interests of these young lives and the Kingdom of Jesus Christ are thus to be conserved. We will speak for it from our pulpits, talk for it in the homes of our people, welcome its President and other officers or representative to our charges, and in every possible and feasible way, seek to promote its welfare.

We hereby approve and confirm the elections of W. D. McDaniel, Port Arthur, R. O. McClure, New Orleans, La., W. E. Cline, Lake Charles, La., John F. Cassels, Gloster, Miss., J. A. Carruth, Lake Charles, La.,

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G. H. Eubank, Port Arthur, as Trustees of Port Arthur College, terms to expire 1916.

The recent, sudden, sad and much regretted death of Charles G. Gates leaves another vacancy in the Board of Trustees of Port Arthur College, but inasmuch as the trustees have not yet nominated his successor, we are powerless to fill that vacancy at this time. We hereby extend to Mrs. C. G. Gates, and his mother, Mrs. John W. Gates, our sincere and tender sympathy, praying the good Father to keep them both ever in his gracious memory and tender care.

We recommend as visitors to Port Arthur College Reverends T. E. Webb, F. M. Simpson and T. J. Shrode.

WILBUR P. THIRKIELD, Bishop Presiding.
T. J. SHRODE,
J. W. HERVEY,
J. A. CARRUTH,
W. C. MANN,
T. E. WEBB,
G. B. HINES,
R. O. McCLURE,
H. H. McCAIN.

Woodville, Texas, December 6, 1913.

Believing that the closest possible intimacy of the several pastors with our Port Arthur College is of vital interest to the institution, and to each member of the Conference, and with a view to quickening that intimacy, we request President Price and his associates, if it may be made practicable, to arrange for a pastors' institute, under the direction of the college during the summer vacation period.

J. A. CARRUTH,
HARRY S. WHITE.

DECLARATION CONCERNING
PORT ARTHUR COLLEGE EXTENSION

Inasmuch as there is an evident misunderstanding on the part of some members of the Conference who made pledges a year ago to the Port Arthur College Extension fund, your committee to which the matter was referred, submits the following:

1. Every subscription made by any individual minister or layman was a personal subscription, and he is held personally responsible for the obligation then taken.
2. Every minister was at liberty to get such help as he could thru private solicitation from his friends to apply toward the liquidation of his personal obligation then taken.

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3. No public collections were to be taken by ministers to cover their personal obligations to this fund nor can any collections taken for the Public Educational Collections for either the Board of Education of Port Arthur College apply toward the liquidation of this obligation. This applies not only to the present Conference year just closed, but during the life of the subscription.

4. Any pastor having reported the whole or any part of his Public Educational Collection to apply on this fund, thru misunderstanding or misapprehension, should at once have the records corrected by adjusting the same with the Treasurer of this Conference and the President of Port Arthur College. Unless this is done the Board of Education's 20 per cent may be drawn against this Extension Fund as well against the Public Educational Collection, and the Board of Education is entitled to no part of this Special Fund. Again unless this is done the subscribers will not have proper credit on their obligations now held by the Trustees of the Port Arthur College.

5. The \$1000. apportioned to be raised the coming year is distinct and separate from this Extension Fund, and no dollar of it should be reported in connection with that Special Fund or diverted to it.

6. We recommend that this statement be passed by this Conference as a declaration of your understanding under which the subscriptions were made a year ago, and that it be printed in the Minutes in bold faced type, so that both the contributors and the authorities of the College may easily turn to the same source of exact information concerning all questions that may rise over this fund.

J. W. HERVEY,

W. C. MANN,

J. A. CARRUTH,

Committee.

EPWORTH LEAGUE

In view of the fact that our young people are soon to take upon themselves the responsibilities of both church and State, we cannot afford to neglect our duty in giving them the proper training which will prepare them for this great work.

The high class of work done, and being accomplished by our Epworth League is evidence that it has an important mission.

We are proud of our "Epworth Herald," and we earnestly urge that it be put into the homes of every one of our young people.

We, therefore, pledge ourselves to work diligently to this end.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER PARKER, Chairman.

ERNEST D. SMITH, Secretary.

R. T. PYNES.

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TEMPERANCE

There is perhaps no more important question confronting the church than that of Temperance. It is so far reaching in its efforts on the moral character that it touches our lives at every point. But in every discussion of Temperance the liquor traffic always demands attention.

We need not attempt to enumerate the crimes of the liquor traffic or to measure its baneful effects. We are proud of the attitude of the Methodist church on this subject. We are thankful for the work already done, and for the stringent laws of this State. We Methodists will fight the liquor traffic until we have a saloonless land.

We desire to call your attention to another evil that is increasing to an alarming extent. We mean the use of tobacco—twin brother to liquor. Boys scarcely in their teens smoke cigaretts in all the towns. Men chew and spit and befoul God's pure atmosphere with smoke from their vile pipes and cigars, and women dip the more deadly snuff. It is at best a needless self-indulgence.

Tobacco is expensive, filthy and to many good people, sickening. It degrades the moral character, weakens the mind and often kills the body. Yet we hear but little said against it. We thank the Woman's Christian Temperance Union for the work in the public schools against tobacco, as well as intoxicating liquors.

Therefore, Resolved, That we, the preachers of the Gulf Conference, will not only totally abstain from the use of intoxicants and tobacco, but will do all in our power to induce others to do likewise.

Resolved, Second, That we heartily endorse the Anti-Saloon League and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and we promise both our cordial support.

We earnestly ask that the Christians of all creeds unite in fighting these great evils and pray God to give us a saloonless land—a clean Christian land. Amen.

R. T. PYNES, Chairman.
C. A. PERKINS, Secretary.
JULIAN WOODSON.

THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

The Bible is the Christian's Chart, and the Spirit's means of conviction, and should be not only in all our homes, but each member of the home should study it carefully and prayerfully.

The American Bible Society is the greatest agency for this distribution, and should have our hearty support. We hereby pledge ourselves to present its claims in our charges and urge its support.

R. G. SWANSON, Chairman.
W. I. GATES, Secretary.

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FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY

We, of the Gulf Conference, located as we are, where the problems of meeting the conditions of the colored race confronts us, and realizing they must be met wisely, or both suffer, therefore, call attention to the following facts, and pledge ourselves to no our best in bringing about the results as expressed in the following:

1. The Freedman's Aid Society in its 22 schools and college took care of over 6,000 students last year. Of these 78 were studying for the Christian ministry, 323 in medicine, 239 in pharmacy, denistry and nursing, 1745 in normal classes preparing to be school teachers among their own people, and 2,154 in trades and industries.

2. The General Conference issued an appeal to the whole Church for \$500,000 as a Jubilee Thank-offering in commemoration of the fifth anniversary of Emancipation. Of thit amount the colored Conference have assumed \$100,000, and are making a desperate effort to make it up to one dollar per member. The balance of \$400,000 must come from philanthropic men and women all over the Church, who are interested in the uplift of this unfortunate and greatly handicapped race.

3. The Lincoln Birthday Sunday has been observed more more generally than ever before.

4. The amount apportioned by the Commission of Finance as the regular collection from this Conference for the coming year is \$356. We hereby pledge ourselves as a Conference to present the cause of the freedmen to our congregations and make a determined effort to secure the full apportionment.

L. E. GOWER, Chairman.

M. E. BRAMHALL, Secretary.

AUDITING

We, your committee, have examined the records submitted to us and find them correct and the money, received by the Treasurer from the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, has been duly accounted for.

The Conference Secretary's account has been audited and found correct.

H. K. FAULK, Chairman.

E. N. HARDEN, Secretary.

R. R. SMITH.

HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION

The Gulf Conference regards the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension as one of the most important of our church Boards and benevolences, and indispensable to the Gulf Conference.

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We are conscious that if it had not been for the assistance rendered by this Board to our Conference in the support of our preachers and in the erection of houses of worship, when we were unable to adequately help ourselves, it would not have been possible for many of our pastors to have carried the gospel to the people.

The contributions of our people are its only resources. We, therefore, pledge ourselves anew to give this Board our most loyal support.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. HINES, Chairman.

C. A. PERKINS, Secretary.

F. J. ENSIGN.

P. S. In view of the increased area of our Conference we earnestly request the Home Mission Board to enlarge the appropriation which the Gulf Conference so much needs at this time.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE

The day has arrived that the Sabbath has almost been forgotten. Its sacredness has been destroyed. Few know what it is to feel the Bible sacredness of the Sabbath. Fishing, hunting, work of all kinds, common wickedness of every nature being practiced on the holy day. The Sabbath is being used for special days of worldliness.

Be it resolved that we preach on Sabbath observance, warn the people against its desecration. That we use our influence towards enacting laws protecting the Sabbath. Be it further resolved that we by precept and example teach the people the sacredness and blessedness of that day.

F. M. SIMPSON, Chairman.

A. M. WYNNE, Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Methodist Episcopal Church has always recognized the place of childhood in the Kingdom of God and the importance of training youths in the truths and practices of religion. We recognize with gratitude the fact that in recent years renewed emphasis is being placed upon this all-important work.

The policy of the General Conference in establishing a Sunday School board to have general supervision of all Sunday interests is wise, as the results of the last quadrennium clearly show. The Sunday School is the Church's school of religion. Its utilities are clearly apparent, but its highest potencies are not yet realized. We record with approval the books on Sunday School work lately issued by our Book Concern and the present plans in vogue for the training of teachers and in other ways making more effective all Sunday School endeavor and commend them to the serious consideration of all our Sunday School Superintendents and teachers.

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The Sunday School is also the pioneer of the church leading the way to communities where the church has not entered. Many sections will never be reached by the church except as the advance guard of the Sunday School enters them. Many lives, therefore, absolutely wait upon the ministry of the Sunday School. It is a pathetic fact that, with all our splendid facilities and boasted progress, at the present time more than one-half of the children and youth of America are growing up without any religious training whatever. Merely to state this fact is to suggest the field for Sunday School work.

We heartily commend the action of the Sunday School Board in sending to the field of our Conference the Reverend H. S. White as Sunday School Missionary. We heard with great interest and profound thankfulness the report of his months of labor with us as read before the Conference. We appreciate his presence and labor among us, and welcome him most cordially into the fellowship of the Conference.

We heartily approve the work that Dr. White has done in the few months of his residence with us and cordially commend him to the sympathy, the fellowship and the co-operation of all pastors and churches of our Conference.

H. S. WHITE, Chairman.

E. D. SMITH, Secretary.

B. T. BELL,

J. H. BEADLE.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

It is thru the work of our Board of Foreign Mission that the Methodist Episcopal Church practices and attempts to fulfil our time-honored motto: "The world is my parish." We rejoice in the continued success which the Gospel thru the ministry of our church is achieving among all the people of the earth; and particularly in recent awakenings that have brought the heathen to our altars in throngs.

It is a lamentable fact that the present facilities of our church are not adequate to the task of caring for those who are already candidates for Christian training and culture. We need both money and men.

In view of this condition, we will not cease to pray the Lord of harvests to send forth laborers into the fields; and we hereby pledge ourselves to a more serious endeavor to meet our apportionments for this cause and to stimulate a missionary spirit among our people.

Dr. E. D. SMITH, Chairman.

T. F. SWANSON, Secretary.

R. T. PYNES.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF HARRY S. WHITE
SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONARY GULF CONFERENCE

Dear Brethren:

My work with the Gulf Conference began with the closing weeks of the month of March. I had made a tour of investigation through some parts of the Conference, largely with a view of determining my place of residence, had called on several of the brethren on their charges, and had indeed begun the more systematic canvass of the outlying districts of the city of Houston before this, but the connected and continued prosecution of my work really dates from the first of our Inspirational Conferences or Institutes, which was held with the Sunday School of First Church, Houston Heights, beginning March 19th.

In connection with this institute, a house to house canvass, with the gathering of accurate religious statistics, was made. Your Missionary made some 200 calls, and the aggregate of visits was at least 1,000, all made by the representatives of our own school. One outcome of the work with this church was the organization of an enthusiastic class in Teacher Training, which has numbered as many as 20 in some of its meetings.

A similar institute was held at Marshall during the closing week of March. Following the evening conferences, which were well attended, we held a workers council in which reports of the days visits were tabulated and plans made for the work of the succeeding day. The initial steps were taken for the organization of a large Teacher Training Class.

At Texas City we were rather more evangelist than Sunday School specialist, though time was made for some very good conferences with the workers. Here as in both preceeding charges, the problem of increasing the Sunday School attendance was not so much one of getting more scholars, as of finding a place in which to put them. Crowded capacity is actually a bar to building a number of our schools to their possible size.

Not to attempt the details in any case, it will be sufficient perhaps to mention conferences similar to the above, which were held in Alvin, South Houston, DeQuincey, Reeves, Elton, Raymond, LaPorte, DeRidder, Oakdale, Oberlin, Welsh, Ebenezer, Geuydan, Aldine, New Orleans, Bayou Chene, Plaquemine, Kinder and Port Arthur.

Teacher Training has been introduced at most of these places either as reading or correspondence courses and classes have been formed at DeRidder, Welsh and Ebenezer. It was at De Ridder that a visiting minister was with difficulty convinced that the large enthusiastic class under the pastors leadership was just our own and not a union class of all the protestant forces of the town.

At Alvin we had just a "one night stand" and the pastor with a view to getting the most out of it, spent the preceeding week coaching his people to come prepared to fire questions at your humble servant, questions

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on any and every conceivable problem of Sunday School life. And they came. It was something of an ordeal for the target but one experienced worker was so kind as to say that the evening, which did not close till ten o'clock, was "worth more than any Sunday School convention she had ever attended."

At New Orleans the churches of the German Conference and our Italian work united with St. Charles Ave. and each evening we had a workers conference attended by from 30 to 50 of our teachers and officers. It was my privilege to hold a conference in each of the German churches and to preach on two occasions to our Italian congregation.

I was very glad for the opportunity to attend and participate in the Conference of the North Louisiana and Texas Districts. The keenest regret of the year was that I was unable to be at the Conference of the Southern District. It was at the particular date of this conference that I suffered the only illness which has interrupted my work.

It will be seen from the part of my report already given that the larger part of the year has been devoted to inspirational work with Sunday Schools already organized and that comparatively little time has been left for new work. Some of this has however been begun.

Early in the year I visited Aldine, a thriving community 13 miles north of Houston on the I. & G. N. Ry. I found these people entirely without pastoral supervision and arranged for services with them. District Superintendent J. W. Hervey appointed as supply pastor Rev. E. L. Jones a Local Preacher of our church. Later in the year I assisted Brother Jones in revival services and on August 17th organized a church with 28 members, baptizing such candidates as desired, both infant and adult.

On April 20th we organized a new school in College Heights addition to the city of Houston, with 52 members. This school met for a time in the public school building, for the use of which we had carefully secured permission. Later and with no pretense of adequate reason the doors were closed against us and for months this school has been meeting in a private residence. I have been able to secure a good building site and they are making a most heroic attempt to build a modest chapel. There is in hand in pledges and material some \$250.00 for this purpose. I received eight persons into the membership of our church and they have elected a Board of Trustees.

New schools have been organized in two other additions to the city of Houston each with a membership of about 40. One of these is meeting in a private home and the other in a school house. One and perhaps two other new schools could be organized in the environs of Houston if we had suitable places in which to meet.

I have investigated in person, conditions in Liverpool, Angleton, New-
port, Victoria and Lumberton, Texas and Morgan City, Timberton and

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Riceland, La., also the suburban sections of Beaumont, portions of New Orleans and Port Arthur. The largest labor of investigation however has been given to Houston where I have tramped weary days upon days. Many of these prospects are good, some of them are very good indeed, some will, I believe, yet result in thriving Sunday Schools and churches.

In the less than nine months with this Conference I have traveled more than 8,000 miles by rail, have conducted some 225 services, made 780 calls, held 20 Sunday School Institutes, organized three new Sunday Schools and two new Churches, have received 36 persons into the membership of our church, besides four on probation, have baptized ten persons, and have had the supreme joy of taking some 65 penitent seekers by the hand.



SUNDAY SCHOOLS---TEXAS DISTRICT

NAME of CHARGE	Sunday Schools		Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Depts. In- cluding C. Roll, H. Dpt., Ofs., T., S.	Scholars of all Grades	Average Attendance of all Grades	Members in the Home Departments	Children on the Cradle Roll	Ofs. and Tchrs. Ch. Mem. or Pro's rs.	Sch. inc. H. Dpt. Ch. Mem. or Pr's rs.	Mem. S. S. Converted Con. Yr.	Church	Col.S.S.	
	Sunday School	per cent of S. S. Mis. Offering										S. S. Ex. Lesson Leaves, Books, Etc		
Alvin	1	19	217	180	118	..	18	19	105	16	3	8	..	93
Angelina	2	8	75	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arcadia and Pearland.....	1	14	104	75	50	..	15	14	26	15	..	..	..	45
Atlanta	1	9	71	62	37	..	..	9	13	1	5	4	..	20
Austin (Hyde Park).....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Beckville and Rock Hill...	1	10	114	84	60	..	20	10	80	..	..	..	..	..
Houston Heights	1	21	302	200	145	38	43	20	125	18	21	10	4	180
Hughes Springs, Jefferson..	4	29	180	151	140	..	..	26	..	32	5	..	..	75
Kirbyville and Rosedale ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
LaPorte and Aldine	1	9	75	46	48	8	12	6	40	..	2	9	1	35
Liverpool .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Longstreet and Deadwood.	2	17	192	175	120	..	..	17	100	..	2	..	..	18
Lyford	1	6	59	53	39	..	..	6	26	9	2	..	..	47
Marshall	1	16	124	93	..	..	15	16	..	10	3	2	..	75
Ore City Circuit	1	4	32	28	15	..	..	4	..	..	1	..	..	2
Overton, Noonday, Harleton	4	16	156	140	100	..	1	16	120	30	2	..	..	35
Polk	1	4	34	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
San Antonio (Trinity).....	1	21	100	72	60	..	7	21	75	5	..	2	3	86
San Leon .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Shelbyville and Center	4	20	200	180	140	..	..	18	125	25	1	2	..	30
South Houston	1	18	45	27	30	..	..	18	15	..	2	1	..	25
Texas City	1	19	275	204	171	..	62	19	50	175	7	11	7	165
Winnsboro .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Woodville	2	11	93	82	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	31	271	2448	1852	1273	46	182	250	900	336	56	47	15	931

SUNDAY SCHOOLS--SOUTHERN DISTRICT

NAME of CHARGE														
	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrollment in all Depts. Including C. Roll, H. Dpt., Ofs., T., S.	Scholars of all Grades	Average Attendance of all Grades	Members in the Home Departments	Children on the Cradle Roll	Ofs. and Tchrs. Ch. Mem. or Pr's.	Sch. inc. H. Dpt. Ch. Mem. or Pr's.	Mem. S. S. Converted Con. Yr.	Church	Sunday School	Col. S.	S. S. Ex. Lesson Leaves, Books, Etc.
Bayou Chene.....	3	20	230	130	75	...	80	20	120	10	6	2	...	25
Crowley.....	1	8	130	97	50	...	25	8	50	8	...	2	...	40
Ebenezer.....	1	12	110	88	65	5	5	12	110	8	5	2	...	18
French Mis.--Sweet Lake...	2	7	38	31	27	...	...	6	10	1	1	1	...	22
Gueydan.....	1	8	40	32	30	...	...	8	30	...	1	1	...	15
Hammond.....	1	2	40	28	12	...	10	2	4	...	1	...	...	25
Iowa.....	1	11	71	54	41	...	6	9	20	9	1	1	...	24
Jennings.....	1	22	188	143	85	...	23	22	...	...	9	...	4	130
Lake Charles.....	1	27	234	152	113	51	30	27	...	1	10	2	5	125
Lutcher.....	1	13	173	140	75	...	20	...	...	...	...	3	...	55
Natalbany.....	1	4	106	80	50	10	12	4	20	6	...	1	...	30
New Orleans--S. Chas. Ave.	1	13	105	55	50	18	19	13	...	...	7	6	11	65
Italian Mission.....	1	7	89	62	...	...	20	7	7	...	...	...	...	12
Port Arthur.....	1	14	209	136	110	...	59	13	...	...	5	...	4	210
Welch.....	1	18	244	171	103	25	30	23	110	11	5	24	6	120
TOTAL.....	18	186	2007	1400	886	109	339	174	481	54	51	42	33	916

SUNDAY SCHOOLS--N. LOUISIANA DISTRICT

NAME of CHARGE	Sunday Schools		Officers and Teachers		Total Enrollment in all Depts. Including C. Roll, H. Dpt., Ofs., T., S.	Scholars of all Grades	Average Attendance of all Grades	Members in the Home Departments	Children on the Cradle Roll	Ofs. and Tchrs. Ch. Mem. or Pro's.	Sch. inc. H. Dpt. Ch. Mem. or Pr's.	Mem. S. S. Converted Con. Yr.	Church	Col.S.S		S. S. Ex. Lesson Leaves Books, Etc.
	Sunday School		10 per cent of S. S. Mis. Offering													
Auburn and Smithdale.....	5	22	207	185	120	...	...	20	125	25	2	...	...	...	...	...
DeQuincy and Reeves	3	22	216	155	130	...	39	14	70	20	...	...	...	...	...	...
DeRidder	1	12	125	83	65	30	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	41
DeRidder Circuit.....																
Dry Prong	3	18	108	90	60	...	...	10	50	15	2	...	...	...	...	20
Elton and Raymond.....	2	10	164	132	85	22	10	25	4	...	6	...	...	...	...	20
Gloster	2	12	125	103	75	10	12	70	15	2	2	1	15	...	...	...
Kinder and Basile.....	1	6	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Livonia .....																...
Marthaville	5	25	150	125	80	...	...	15	60	20	...	...	...	...	...	86
Oakdale.....	2	12	92	80	70	...	...	3	10	1	6	...	...	...	...	...
Orange.....	1	8	104	81	48	15	...	6	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pineville .....																...
Quitman	3	18	183	165	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sabire .....																...
Vivian .....																...
TOTAL.....	28	165	1509	1199	733	45	71	90	414	100	18	8	1	182	...	...

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT...TEXAS DISTRICT

NAMES OF CHARGES	DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES													OTHER ITEMS												
	MISSIONS					ED.			Total Dis'ty. Benevolences					Flood Sufferers	Total Benevolences	Support of Con. Claims	Support of Bishops (E. Fund)	General Conference Expenses	GRAND TOTAL							
	Church	Sunday Schools	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday School	Freedman's Aid Society	Public Ed. Collect'n	Children's Fund	Conf. Edl. Collections	Church S'nday Sch's (Total)	Bd Con. Clm's (Chg)	Ann'l Con. Invest's.	Church Temperance Society							Woman's Foreign Mis. Society	Cash	Supplies	American Bible Society	Cen. Office Ex. E. L.	Total Dis'ty. Benevolences	
Board of B of H M	F. Mis'ns and C Ex	Board of B of H M	B. of Ed.	B. of Ed.	B. of Con. S. S. Cl's.	W. H. M. S.																				
Alvin	62	25	34	49	34	14	7	11	28	3	8	8	3	78	33	10	5	2	414	18	432	16	10	3	461	
Angelina																									35	
Arcadia	8			8		1	1	2												20		20	10	5	35	
Atlanta	36		5	30	5	6	3	3	16	5	2		1					2	1	115		115	10	7	134	
Austin (Hyde Park)																										
Beckville and Rosehill	5			6			4	2												17		17	10	2	1	30
Houston Heights	27	4	18	27	18	6	7	8	10	21	14	2	2	88				5	3	260		260	20	10	1	297
Hughes Springs, Jefferson	25			20		5	2	2	2	5		5						2		68		68	10	5	2	85
Kirbyville and Rosedale																										
La Porte and Aldine	25		7	24	4	5	2			2	10		1					2		82		82	4	4	1	91
Liverpool																										
Longstreet and Deadwood	11			11							2							1		25		25	4	2		31
Lyford	10			10		1	3	2			2		2					1	1	33		33	3	3	1	40
Marshall	41		14	41	14	2	4	3	4	3	2	3	2					3	1	137		137	6	9	5	157
Ore City Circuit	1			1							1									3		3	1	1		5
Overton, Noonday, Harleton	10			10							2								22		22	12	5	2	1	20
Polk	3			3					5			1	2							14		14				14
San Antonio Trinity	47		13	34	13	15		5	25		5		2	16	33	50	2	2	262		262	20	10	3		295
San Leon																										
Shelbyville and Center	24	45			21	4		2					1							102		102	10	5		117
South Houston	6		4	8	4	2	1	3		2	1	3	1					1		36		36	10	4		51
Texas City	45		35	45	35	9	5	10		7	18		2					3	2	216		216	25	9	3	253
Winnboro	7			7																14		14				14
Woodville	5			10					5			2						1		25		25				25
TOTAL	398	74	130	324	20	148	70	39	51	97	56	62	4	16	182	66	60	28	12	1865	18	1873	170	88	24	2155

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT---NORTH LOUISIANA DISTRICT

NAMES OF CHARGES	DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES											OTHER ITEMS														
	MISSIONS			ED.		Freedman's Aid Society	Public Ed. Collect'n	Children's Fund	Conf. Edl. Collections	Church	S'nday Sch's Total	Bd Con. Clm's(Chg)	Ann'l Con. Invest's.	Church Temperance Society	Woman's Foreign Mis. Society	Cash	W.H M.S	American Bible Society	Cen. Office Ex. E. L.	Total Dis'ty. Benevolences	Flood Sufferers	Support of Con. Claimants	Support of Bishops E. Fund	General Conference Expenses	GRAND TOTAL	
	Church	Sunday Schools	Church Gifts	Special Gifts	Sunday School																					
						Board of B of H M	F. Mis'tns and C Ex																			
								B. of	S. S. Cl's.																	
Auburn and Smithdale.....	60	10	..	..	2	2	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	77	..	77	8	5	..	90
DeQuincy Circuit.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	91
DeRidder	25	25	10	7	4	77	..	77	9	5
DeRidder Circuit.....
Dry Prong	9	10	..	1	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	24	3	2	1	1	30
Elton and Raymond.....	1	10	..	..	..	..	1	1	6	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	5	5	1	1	36
Gloster	15	13	5	3	2	5	3	2	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	60	5	4	1	1	70
Kinder and Basile.....	8	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	1	1	1	7
Livonia	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	7	..	7	..	..	7
Marthaville	2	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	3	2	..	..	..	22
Oakdale and Oberlin.....	13	13	1	1	2	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	4	36	4	3	..	..	43
Orange.....	7	6	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	3	15	3	2	..	..	20
Pineville .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Quitman .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sabine .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vivian	145	5	102	2	15	14	10	5	8	18	9	8	2	346	42	30	3	4
TOTAL.....	145	5	102	2	15	14	10	5	8	18	9	8	..	2	..	1	..	4	..	346	42	30	3	1	1	421

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT...SOUTHERN DISTRICT

NAMES OF CHARGES	DISCIPLINARY BENEVOLENCES												OTHER ITEMS																
	MISSIONS					ED.		Total Dis'ty. Benevolences					Oriental Missionary Society	Total Benevolences	Support of Con. Claimants	Support of Bishops (B. Fund)	General Conference Expenses	GRAND TOTAL											
	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday School	Freedman's Aid Society	Public Ed. Collect'n	Children's Fund	Conf. Edl. Collections	Church	S'nday Sch's Total							Bd Con. Clm's (Chg)	Ann'l Con. Invest's.	Church Temperance Society	Woman's Foreign Mis. Society	Cash	Supplies	American Bible Society	Cen. Office Ex. E. L.			
																											B. of	S. S. Cl's.	B. of Con.
Church	Special Gifts	Sunday Schools	Church	Special Gifts	Sunday School	Freedman's Aid Society	Public Ed. Collect'n	Children's Fund	Conf. Edl. Collections	Church	S'nday Sch's Total	Bd Con. Clm's (Chg)	Ann'l Con. Invest's.	Church Temperance Society	Woman's Foreign Mis. Society	Cash	Supplies	American Bible Society	Cen. Office Ex. E. L.										
Bayou Chene.....	40	6	36	4	7	1	1	1	1	3	6	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	107	107	107	6	1	1	115			
Crowley.....	25	9	25	9	9	1	1	1	1	2	5	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	57	57	57	12	6	1	76			
Ebenezer.....	10	1	20	10	10	1	1	1	1	2	5	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	54	54	54	10	5	2	71			
French Mis.--Sweet Lake.....	9	2	9	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	26	26	26	6	2	..	34			
Gueydan.....	3	5	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	14	14	5	3	2	24			
Hammond.....	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	8	8	4	2	..	12			
Iowa.....	5	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	33	33	33	8	2	1	44			
Jennings.....	87	18	88	17	7	10	5	10	9	4	2	4	2	4	30	30	264	264	3	264	264	264	33	15	3	315			
Lake Charles.....	45	28	50	27	4	15	10	7	10	3	7	3	3	3	3	3	230	250	3	32	32	480	60	18	3	561			
Lutcher.....	15	15	14	14	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	8	32	32	32	6	4	2	44				
Natalbany.....	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	8	239	239	239	2	..	..	10		
New Orleans--S. Chas. Ave.	21	50	47	15	47	15	15	15	15	15	17	20	20	20	20	20	239	239	3	3	3	3	..	..	..	245
Italian Mission.....	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	..	..	..	3
Port Arthur.....	44	16	35	15	10	6	3	5	4	5	4	4	4	4	2	2	142	142	2	2	2	142	25	12	3	182			
Welch.....	59	35	32	48	31	5	10	10	5	30	7	13	5	5	5	5	309	309	5	5	5	309	25	12	7	353			
TOTAL.....	359	85	179	300	36	178	43	38	21	31	51	75	34	14	11	33	10	18	5	1526	250	1776	202	86	25	2089			

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Note—(*) Denotes Decrease.

NAME of DISTRICT and SUPERINTENDENT	CH. MEM'SHIP				E. L.		CHURCH PROPERTY										Paid This Year—Gen. Con. Expenses				
	Pr'brs	Full Mem'rs			Enrolled During Year	Now on Roll	Members on Roll	Non Resident Members	Local Preachers	Deaths During Year	Senior Members	Junior Members	Churches	Estimated Value	Parsonages	Estimated Value		Pd. for Bldgs. & Imp. on Ch. & Par	Pd. on Old Ind. on Churches & Par.	Present Ind. on Chs. & Parsonages	Cur. Exp. Sexton, Fuel Light Etc.
NORTH LOUISIANA.	35	48	1627	290	25	9	40	73	25	26950	5	4900	1339	401	2046	402	3				
W.C.Mann.		35	1044	...	4	...	15	...	14550	1	1400	167	238	1685	439	...	...	...	...	...	...
Increase	...	13	583	...	5	...	10	...	12400	4	3500	1172	163	361	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Decrease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
SOUTHERN	84	228	1247	63	6	16	234	134	20	80300	10	17950	691	380	13411	1164	25	...	...	...	...
J. A. Carruth.		104	1180	...	4	11	224	127	17	39150	8	12450	561	1336	555	947	7	...	...	...	...
Increase	...	124	167	...	2	5	10	7	3	41150	2	5500	130	...	12856	227	18	...	...	...	...
Decrease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TEXAS.	195	211	2395	113	17	18	336	125	40	112982	13	19675	6820	1332	2162	1489	24	...	...	...	...
J. W. Hervey.		162	2229	...	16	15	267	138	33	105950	10	18550	3952	1565	2161	1293	20	...	...	...	...
Increase	...	49	166	...	1	3	69	...	7	7032	3	1125	2868	...	1	196	4	...	...	...	...
Decrease	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Totals	314	487	5269	466	48	43	610	342	85	220232	28	42525	8840	2113	17619	3055	52
"		186	916	...	3	13	79	...	6	20	60582	9	10125	4170	...	926	13218	386	22
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NAME of CHARGE	CH. MEM'SHIP				E. L.		CHURCH PROPERTY										
	Pr'brs	Full Mem's	Senior Members		Churche	Estimated Value	Parsonages	Estimated Value	Pd. for Bldgs. & Imp. on Ch. & Par	Pd. on Old Ind. on Churches & Par.	Present Ind. on Chs. & Parsonages	Cur. Exp. Sexton, Fuel Light Etc.	Paid This Year—Gen. Con. Expenses				
			Local Preachers	Deaths During Year													
														Members on Roll	Non Resident Members		
Enrolled During Year	Now on Roll																
Alvin	8	16	172	10	2	..	30	20	1	2500	1	1500	140	735	643	117	3
Angelina and Arcadia	..	20	110	..	..	..	..	..	..	150	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arcadia	15	5	107	9	1	1	35	..	2	4000	..	..	..	..	250	110	..
Atlanta	1	3	44	2	2	..	..	..	..	2000	..	..	..	26	..	42	2
Austin (Hyde Park)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1250	1	800	..	..	..	..	..
Beckville and Rock Hill	23	30	90	3	2	1	..	..	2	2900	1	1500	3450	..	250	50	2
Houston Heights	33	26	163	..	..	2	39	15	1	5000	1	2300	72	135	216	214	1
Hughes Springs, Jefferson	9	9	296	35	1	2	32	..	5	6500	1	1000	225	..	128	62	2
Kirbyville and Rosedale	..	18	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	800	..	..	..	..	..	60	..
La Porte and Aldine	2	2	48	..	..	..	25	25	1	2000	..	..	..	..	..	40	1
Liverpool	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Longstreet and Deadwood	19	19	166	..	2	2	..	..	2	2000	1	250	1100	..	110	4	..
Lyford	12	3	36	3	..	..	25	1	1	1300	..	..	..	156	..	20	1
Marshall	5	12	130	12	3	20	..	1	1	10000	1	2500	20	150	165	90	5
Ore City Circuit	..	67	6	..	..	..	..	..	2	1500	..	..	..	..	..	5	..
Overton, Noonday, Harleton	31	39	214	6	1	45	15	3	3	2850	1	500	100	..	20	1	..
Polk	2	51	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	1800	1	225	..	..	..	..	..
San Antonio (Trinity)	12	10	120	..	1	35	20	2	2	48000	2	6500	..	..	250	3	..
San Leon	..	14	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Shelbyville and Center	..	6	237	2	..	..	4	5000	1	600	101	..	..	..	..	25	..
South Houston	1	2	43	16	1	..	..	1	4000	..	..	385	130	250	65	..	..
Texas City	16	6	80	..	1	50	30	1	3500	1	2000	930	..	150	290	3	..
Winnboro	..	66	14	1	..	..	2	2000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Woodville	6	123	..	..	..	..	..	3	3932	..	..	297	..	..	..	25	..
TOTAL	195	211	2395	113	17	118	336	125	40	112982	13	19675	682	1332	2162	1489	21

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MINISTERIAL SUPPORT												B'T'SMS				
NAME of CHARGE	NAME of PASTOR	Support of Pastor			Sup. of Dis. S.		Sup. of Sup. of Bis. C. Cls.		Total Paid for Ministerial S.	Total Deficiency	Adults Baptized	Children Baptized	Baptized Children under ins. as Pbs			
		Total Claim, Inc. House Rent	Total Paid Inc. House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Deficiency	Claim	Paid	Claim						Paid	Claim	Paid
Bayou Chene.....	W. R. Newton.	200	131	69	40	40	4	1	6	6	178	72	1	16		
Crowley	Louis May	650	650	150	50	50	6	6	12	12	718	...	1	20		
Ebenezer	A. L. Harper ..	410	540	60	44	45	5	5	10	10	600	...	3	3		
French Mis.--Sweet Lake ..	W. B. Hebert ..	390	402	60	40	45	2	2	6	6	450	...	4	12		
Gueydan	A. L. Harper ..	300	200	100	40	40	5	3	10	5	243	107	4	2		
Hammond .....	.....	325	226	180	99	30	33	...	4	263	...	...	...	...
Iowa	M. E. Bramhall	455	350	55	50	50	2	2	10	8	410	107	6	12		
Jennings	Peter Parker ..	1440	1440	240	120	120	15	15	35	33	1610	...	6	9		
Lake Charles	G. B. Hines ..	1600	1600	300	200	200	18	18	60	35	2178	...	7	17		
Lutcher .....	.....	840	540	120	300	50	9	4	10	6	600	309	...	6	
Natalbany	J. E. Scott ..	600	609	120	40	42	...	...	...	2	653	...	3	6
New Orleans--S. Chas. Ave.	R. O. McClure	720	675	45	60	60	6	6	12	...	761	37	5	4		
Italian Mission	Francisco Zito.	780	780	180	...	14	...	...	...	...	794	...	21	9
Port Arthur	Ernest Smith ..	1375	1375	300	100	100	12	12	25	25	1512	...	8	4		
Welch	T. E. Webb ..	1100	1100	100	120	120	12	12	25	25	1257	...	35	95		
TOTAL.....	.....	11185	10618	1865	718	984	96	86	221	177	12532	632	8	82	

NAME of CHARGE	NAME of PASTOR	CH. MEM'SHIP				E. L.		CHURCH PROPERTY									
		Pr'brs	Full Mem'rs			Senior Members	Junior Members	Churches	Estimated Value	Parsonages	Estimated Value	Pd. for Bldgs. & Imp. on Ch. & Par.	Pd. on Old Ind. on Churches & Par.	Present Ind. on Chs. & Parsonages	Cur. Exp. Sexton, Fuel Light Etc.		
			Members on Roll	Non Resident Members	Local Preachers											Deaths During Year	
Enrolled During Year		Now on Roll															
20	28	212	...	1	1	21	36	3	1400	...	...	65	...	40	30	1	
Bayou Chene.....	W. R. Newton.	10	20	71	...	3	...	1	6000	...	1	3000	200	75	85	75	1
Crowley.....	Louis May....	2	...	112	...	1	33	24	2700	1	300	100	125	...	35	2	...
Ebenezer.....	A. L. Harper..	...	...	19	5	...	...	...	200	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
French Mis.--Sweet Lake..	W. B. Hebert..	3	40	35	5	...	15	10	1200	1	400	24	54	170	40	2	...
Gueydan.....	A. L. Harper..	...	...	10	4	1	...	...	4000	1	2000	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hammond.....	...	11	52	48	3	...	...	...	1500	1	500	...	...	...	32	1	...
Iowa.....	M. E. Bramhall	1	...	145	12	1	45	...	4500	1	2250	12	...	...	213	3	...
Jennings.....	Peter Parker..	7	48	157	...	3	48	...	12500	1	3500	120	...	3500	158	3	...
Lake Charles.....	G. B. Hines...	4	4	56	...	...	...	...	2800	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lutcher.....	...	9	5	17	2	...	...	...	4000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Natalbany.....	J. E. Scott....	11	...	55	17	2	...	...	2000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
New Orleans--S. Chas. Ave.	R. O. McClure	3	3	84	2	4	...	...	8000	1	2000	90	...	3000	122	4	...
Italian Mission.....	Francisco Zito.	17	110	...	2	56	...	...	5000	1	2500	...	...	...	...	...	...
Port Arthur.....	Ernest Smith..	3	11	116	13	2	36	19	6500	1	1500	50	...	398	170	7	...
Welch.....	T. E. Webb....	84	228	1247	63	6	16	234	80300	10	17950	691	380	13411	1164	21	...
TOTAL.....	...																

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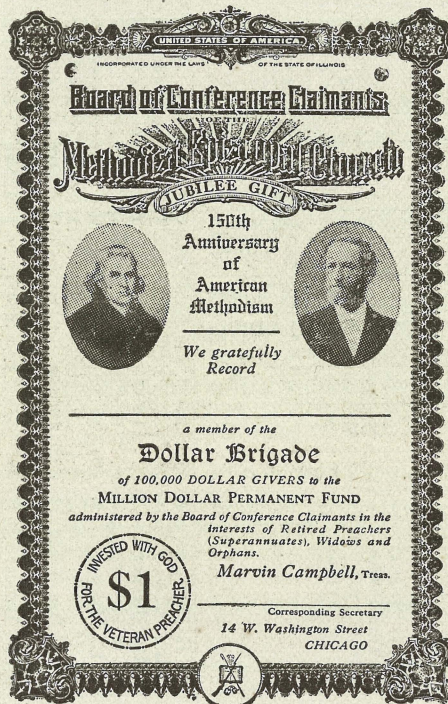
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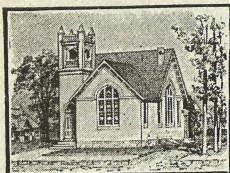
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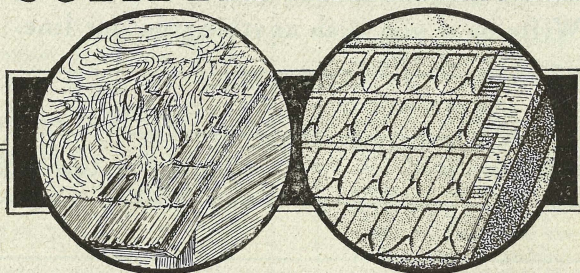
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